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Celebrating the Past...



REMEMBERING WHEN—Alumni came from as far as Europe and as near as Auburn for their class reunion celebrations during Reunion '89, April 28-29. The reunion festivities—hosted at the new Auburn Alumni Center and the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center—included campus bus tours, a welcoming reception and dinner, mini-seminars conducted by Auburn professors, individual class dinners, the inevitable class pictures, a gala ball, and the annual A-Day intrasquad football game. Among the several hundred alumni, spouses, and guests making the long (or short) trek back to the plains for the festivities were, left to right, Ione Shine, Henry Shine '44, Emma Jean Viek Nordon '44 and Bill Nordon '44, who carried their class of '44 banner wherever they went; and Linda McKinley Oakberg '69 and her husband John Oakberg '69, who came all the way from Vienna, Austria for their 20th reunion.

—Photos by Mike Jernigan

...As Well as the Future



PROUD DAY—May 6 was a day of celebration for Auburn alumni and friends everywhere, as ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremonies were held for the new Auburn Alumni Center on South College Street. In the picture to the left, Jimmie T. Smith '53 and his brother T.J. Smith were on hand during the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the new Auburn Alumni Center to search for Jimmie's name on the building's donor wall. Pictured on the right, representatives from the university administration, the alumni board, and the City of Auburn cut the ribbon to officially open the new facility. On hand were, left to right, John Sanders '43, a member of the Alumni Board; J. Gilmer Blackburn '50, president of the Auburn University Foundation; Michael McCartney '57, president pro tempore of the Board of Trustees; Batey Gresham '57, president of the Alumni Association; President James E. Martin '54; Robert D. (Bob) Word '55, past president of the Alumni Association; Jerry F. Smith '64, executive director of alumni and development; and Jan Dempsey, Auburn mayor.

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Smith Resigns as Exec. Director, Interim to be Named Shortly

As *The Alumnews* goes to press, a second interim administrator for the Alumni and Development Office is expected to be named to succeed Jerry F. Smith '64, who resigned on May 8. Before reading a brief statement to the Alumni and Development staff late that afternoon, Mr. Smith thanked the staff for their support and their professionalism and hard work, particularly during the recent months.

"Because of the continuing controversy regarding my service to Auburn University, I am resigning and retiring from all of my positions with the University effective July 1, 1989," said Mr. Smith's statement. "I feel that the turmoil that has developed in the Auburn family must come to an end and my resignation is intended to bring about that result. I would never intentionally harm Auburn University. If I have made errors of judgment which may have caused any embarrassment to Auburn University I deeply regret it. I want to thank all of those who have stood by me and my family during this very difficult time. I urge everyone in the Auburn family to put this matter to rest and to come together to work toward an even better University."

Following Mr. Smith's statement to the staff, Alumni President Batey M. Gresham expressed his and the Alumni Board's acceptance of Mr. Smith's resignation "with great regret and sadness."

In both Mr. Gresham's message to the Alumni and Development staff and a release to the press, he said, "I strongly urge all Auburn alumni and friends to put the controversies of the past several months behind them so that the wounds left by these difficult times can begin to heal. It is necessary that we put the past behind us so that we may continue to help Auburn University grow and prosper in the years ahead."

President James E. Martin followed Mr. Smith's and Mr. Gresham's statements with a press release regarding Mr. Smith's resignation. After noting that Mr. Smith would be on leave through June 30, the president continued: "On behalf of Auburn University I wish to express appreciation to Mr. Smith for his 18 years of service and his action in the best interests of Auburn. Auburn University is pleased with the resolution of the issues involved and appreciates the assistance of all Auburn supporters in bringing this matter to a conclusion."

That night the attorney general announced that his office was dropping its investigation into whether Mr. Smith had violated the state ethics law. "This matter now lacks prosecutorial merit," said Don Siegelman. "To pursue it further is not in the best interests of the state of Alabama or Auburn University."

At the faculty senate meeting the following afternoon, Senate Chairman Miller Solomon read the statements issued by all the parties involved and noted that he hoped the matter was

settled. "With the retirement of Mr. Smith, it would be inappropriate for us to do more."

After Mr. Smith's resignation, President James E. Martin sent a memorandum to the Alumni and Development staff on behalf of himself and Mr. Gresham stating that Associate Director Phillip Guthrie would be "responsible for the administrative operation of the Office of Alumni & Development until an interim or permanent Executive Director is named." Since that time, Mr. Guthrie has resigned effective May 31 to rejoin Vulcan Materials, where he worked before coming to the Alumni and Development Office three years ago. In his new job with Vulcan, Mr. Guthrie will be director of internal auditing.

In a later statement to *The Alumnews* on behalf of the Alumni Board, Mr. Gresham noted that although there "obviously could be disagreement over some of Jerry's judgment calls, there certainly isn't any doubt about the overall fine job he did on behalf of Auburn University, the Alumni Association, and the Office of Alumni and Development.

"Auburn's three highest years in fundraising came under his direction and Auburn will continue to profit from those gifts. In addition, a number of programs that Jerry instigated continue to benefit Auburn University and its alumni. The Auburn Alumni Center will stand as his legacy. Many people made gifts to the center and certainly Bob Word and members of the board of directors had a major role in its origins but Jerry was the prime mover. Without his leadership, ideas, and hard work we would not have the fine Alumni Center for all alumni to enjoy."

"Those of us on the alumni board have found this whole business and the acceptance of Jerry's resignation the hardest thing we've ever had to deal with," Mr. Gresham continued. "We know that many alumni and groups of alumni are very unhappy with how it has turned out, but we hope they will work with us in putting this issue behind us."

Alabama's 1989-90 Budget Leaves AU Short Again

After one of the best budget years in its history in 1988-89, Auburn will enter the coming fiscal year with essentially level funding due to a 1.26 percent decrease in state monies in the 1989-90 state education budget recently approved by the Alabama legislature. Auburn's share of that budget is \$125,726,741.

Although a 12 percent tuition increase scheduled for this fall will generate more than the amount lost in the state reduction, Auburn president James E. Martin '54 said that inflation will cause a loss in real dollar terms. "Obviously, this will prevent us from doing some things we otherwise would do," Dr. Martin said. "Last year, we experienced the largest growth in the institution's history and now that growth has not been funded."

Dr. Martin added that the coming

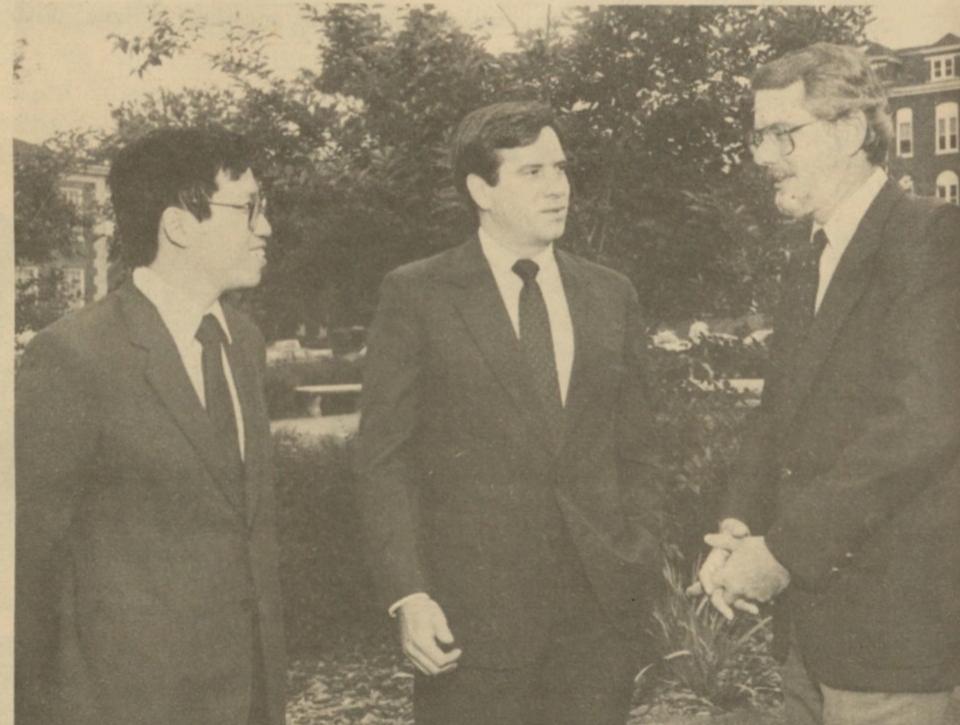
year's appropriation is another chapter in Auburn's long history of receiving less than its equitable share from the state. "I certainly don't feel that Auburn is yet receiving its fair share of available state funds," he noted.

Clear evidence of this disparity is seen in the difference in support per full-time equivalent student at Auburn as compared with the Southern regional average. For 1988-89, the Southern region averages \$4,773 in state support per student among universities comparable to Auburn, while Auburn receives an average of \$3,650 from the state per full-time equivalent student. The difference of \$1,123 per student leaves Auburn approximately \$20 million short of where its state funding would be under the regional average.

Dr. Martin said the legislature has shown interest in moving toward a system of formula funding of the state's

higher education system based on enrollment and the types of programs state schools offer. This system, approved by Alabama's university presidents, would benefit Auburn because of the expensive and specialized programs the university offers. Unfortunately, the state had no new money available to distribute under the formula for the coming year. In fact, it had less money available. "The lack of money tends to limit the impact of using the new formula," Dr. Martin observed.

Over the next several weeks, the university administration will analyze the budget, projecting revenues and expenditures for the coming year and establishing budgetary priorities and recommendations for the board of trustees. Once the trustees have approved the recommendations, the administration will submit its final budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year.



NEW ALUMNI PROFS—Seven faculty members were recently chosen for five-year terms as Alumni Professors beginning this fall, bringing the total of Alumni Professors to 13. The positions, which recognize exceptional faculty performance, carry with them \$3,000 salary supplements for each professor through grants from the Auburn Alumni Association. In the top photo, left to right, are: Jack B. Brown, professor of Mathematics-Foundations, Analysis, and Topology; Joe J. Molnar, professor of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; James R. Hansen, assistant professor of History; and Gareth Morgan-Jones, professor of Plant Pathology. In the bottom photo, left to right, are: Yonhua Tzeng, associate professor of Electrical Engineering; James L. Sartin '73, associate professor of Physiology and Pharmacology; and James M. Johnston, professor of Psychology.

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King, Wit Winners Of 1989 Alumni Teaching Awards

The Auburn Alumni Association recently presented its second annual Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards to two faculty members on the basis of their outstanding undergraduate teaching. Winners are selected solely on the basis of their classroom teaching abilities, without regard to their research or service accomplishments. The 1989 awards were presented to David T. King, associate professor of geology, and Lawrence C. Wit, professor of zoology/wildlife, May 6 in special ceremonies at the Auburn Alumni Center preceding the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new building.

Batey M. Gresham '57, president of the Alumni Association presented the awards. Selection of the winners was made by a committee consisting of Alumni Board members Pat Barkaloo, Harold Sharpe, and Cynthia Athey. Finalists were selected by a group of retired faculty members, including Ruth Brittin of English, R.K. Butz of mathematics, and Donald Vives of chemical engineering.

Writing on behalf of Dr. King, one former student said "I attribute a great deal of my development as a professional scientist not only to Dr. King's effectiveness as a teacher, but also his willingness to offer advice and assistance to his students."

One of Dr. Wit's former students wrote with similar praise. "His reverence for life and awe at the complexities of physiology enlivened our interest. He delivered well organized lectures, essentially without notes, always encouraging students to question, to synthesize, and to seek clarification. Despite complex and difficult material, in the classroom Dr. Wit is a master teacher."

Research Contracts And Grants Up Six Percent in '87-'88

Competitive research contracts and grants at Auburn totaled almost \$23.7 million in 1987-88, an increase of approximately six percent over the \$22.3 million level of 1986-87. Since 1981, funds from research and grants have almost quadrupled—from \$6.1 million in 1981-82 to \$23.7 million for the past fiscal year.

More than half of Auburn's contract and grant funding in 1987-88 came from federal sources, which provided more than \$13.6 million of the final total. State-funded contracts and grants provided another \$2.7 million, with contracts from business and industry accounting for \$4.7 million.

The College of Engineering maintained its lead in contract and grant funding with \$6.7 million of the total. The College of Agriculture finished second with \$5.4 million, while other schools and colleges and their totals included: Sciences and Mathematics, \$2.72 million; Education, \$1.88 million; Forestry, \$1.32 million; Pharmacy,



TOPS AS TEACHERS—The presentation of the 1989 Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards kicked off a full day of activities during ribbon-cutting festivities at the new Auburn Alumni Center May 6. The awards are presented solely on the basis of classroom teaching ability, with nominations coming from alumni, students, and faculty members. On hand for the presentations were 1989 winners Lawrence C. Wit, standing, second from left, professor of zoology/wildlife; and David T. King, third from left, associate professor of geology; along with William Mason, seated, associate dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics; John Pritchett '65, left, head of the zoology/wildlife department; and J. Ivan Legg, dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics.

—Photo by AU Photo Services

\$620,884; Veterinary Medicine, \$583,609; Liberal Arts, \$392,457; Business, \$86,412; and Architecture, \$17,000. Other university units receiving research contract and grant funding included the Space Power Institute, \$1.5 million; the Center for Commercial Development of Space, \$1.1 million; and the Center for Advanced Technology, \$951,754.

New Heads Named In Botany & Microbiology, Agronomy & Soils

Two new department heads have recently assumed their posts at Auburn, one in the College of Sciences and Mathematics and one in the College of Agriculture. Joe H. Cherry, former coordinator of the Center for Plant Environmental Stress Physiology at Purdue University, is the new head of Auburn's Department of Botany and Microbiology, while Joseph T. Touchton, a member of the Auburn faculty since 1980, is the new head of the Department of Agronomy and Soils.

Dr. Cherry, who holds the bachelor's in agriculture from the University of Tennessee-Martin, and the master's and Ph.D. in plant physiology and biochem-

istry from the University of Illinois, joined the Purdue faculty in 1962 and became a full professor in 1967. He was a 1975 Fulbright Scholar, working with the Department of Agricultural Chemistry at Aristotelian University in Greece, and he also served as a consultant with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1980.

In addition to his research in the area of biochemical regulation of growth and development of plants, Dr. Cherry has written or co-written more than 75 publications in his field. He is also the author of three books.

A full professor since 1986, Dr. Touchton has twice been named his department's outstanding teacher. A specialist in the areas of soil fertility and crop management, he earned the Ph.D. from the University of Illinois after earning the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia. He also received the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station's Director's Research Award in 1983.

In addition to writing a number of articles for trade journals, the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, and the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Touchton has published 65 articles for professional journals and authored two book chapters. He also serves on the board of directors of the Alabama Feed and Grain Association and

as vice president of the Southern branch of the American Society of Agronomy.

Students Elect New Campus Leaders for 1988-89 Year

Scott Turnquist, a junior industrial engineering major and native of Auburn, is the new president of the Student Government Association (SGA) following campus elections recently. Mr. Turnquist defeated his roommate, Trip Haston of Conroe, Tex., as well as Carl Davis of Birmingham, while receiving 49 percent of the vote. He previously served as president pro-tempore of the SGA Senate, chairman of the Code of Laws and Rules Committees, and as a member of the budget and finance committee. He was also named SGA Senator of the Year in 1987-88.

Other winners in this year's student elections included: Julie Phelps, a sophomore marketing major from Madisonville, Ky., Miss Auburn; Scott (Spud) Ayers of Adamsville, a senior majoring in building science, vice president; Timothy L. Stockdale, a junior finance major from Westminster, Md., treasurer; Paige Oliver, a sophomore majoring in journalism, *Plainsman* editor; and Terri Grasser of Montgomery, a junior majoring in accounting, *Glomerata* editor.

Points & Views

Here and There—

A Few Words of Dissent

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46

Recently one of the major television networks devoted an hour of prime time to an analysis of the present condition of public education.

According to the critique presented, a plague of *stagnation* has descended upon the schools of our nation. Apparently, after a period of modest but steady improvement in student achievement, we have had a couple of years during which the scores for measuring student attainment have ceased to rise and have remained stubbornly in place. Since American students for some time have scored lower than their counterparts in a number of other nations, this reported standstill becomes a matter for serious concern.

A few nights after presenting the problem, the network came back with an hour-long synthesis of proposed solutions. Many of the suggestions for improvement—such as better teacher preparation, higher salaries for teachers, and smaller classroom loads—seem excellent. Unfortunately, however, such sound recommendations received less attention than three others which appear somewhat questionable.

The network analyst spent an inordinate portion of the hour on a school's obligation to teach children to think—without ever pausing to note that the magical ability to think is a gift of the normal human condition. Certainly, schools can, should, and usually do challenge, inspire, or stimulate students to think more comprehensively, more deeply, more frequently, more incisively, and more logically—and increased stimulation of this sort may be what the analyst had in mind, but it is essential to make such intentions clear.

An alleged practice which received criticism from time to time throughout the second network program was *rote learning*. Someone had convinced the network speaker that *rote learning* had usurped a large portion of the classroom agenda. Consequently, we must eliminate *rote learning* to provide time for teaching students to think—Of course, if our schools were demanding a lot of unthinking repetition, the point would be well made and well taken. However, all the evidence indicates the critics have confused requirements for mastery of essential information with *meaningless memorizing*.

The network analyst also devoted much time and praise to innovation in teaching materials and techniques. Before the program ended, I began to wonder if the goal of education is to train students for life or simply to prepare them for participation in some frivolous gameshow.

Of course, the three recommendations which troubled me cohere: rid all curricula of *rote learning*, employ innovation to devise pleasant games that teach children to think, and thus make the classroom a joyful playground forever. That is the lovely dream of thinkers who choose to ignore the loss of Eden and who thus cannot



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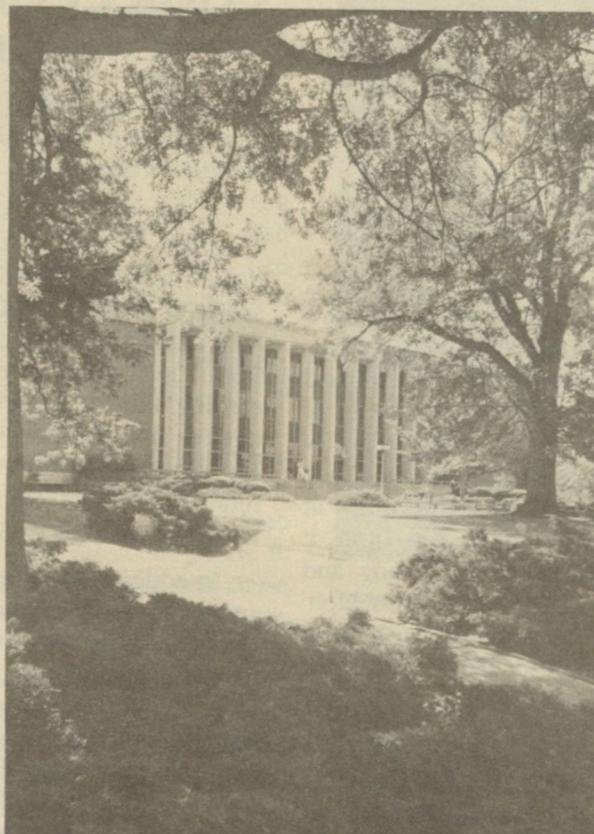
acknowledge that the sweat of the brow often produces some of life's sweetest rewards.

In Memory of a Friend—Last month Kaye Lovvorn wrote a warm and appreciative tribute to Dr. E.D. Chastain, *Auburn University economics professor emeritus*, who died on March 24, 1989, at the East Alabama Medical Center at the age of sixty-three. Kaye spoke eloquently of Dr. Chastain's devotion to his students and former students, and she also noted his commitment to the mastery of English as the basis for success in all professions.

On this second matter, a few additional words seem appropriate. During the time that Dr. Chastain served as director of graduate studies in the School of Business, I had the privilege of working with him in developing a plan for improving the writing skills of some of his graduate students. Together we came up with a regimen that included an intensive review of basic grammar, spelling, and rhetoric in addition to the writing of business communications and research reports.

Throughout the period of its operation, our plan worked so well that we became convinced of its enduring validity. And during that time, I developed a lasting affection and respect for E.D. Chastain as teacher, scholar, and man. To students and colleagues, he was the kind of friend who helps make all the striving completely worthwhile.

Unnecessary Irritants—Among the multiplicity of things which raise the hair on the back of my neck are two distasteful terms currently in vogue. The first of these is *womanize*, a thoroughly repugnant and unnecessary substitute for *philander*. The second is *you guys* when applied to both sexes as a totally unwelcome replacement for *you people*, *you folk*, or *you all*. The only truly acceptable usage of this term occurs when the *guys* appear in the company of *dolls*.



Esoterica for Everyone—

Highway 14, End to End

By Bob Sanders '52

A couple of weekends ago, Momma and Baby Sister had me out taking pictures of an old, old house where Great-Grandpa Sanders once lived. (They have already done a family history—a massive thing—on mother's side of the family, the Bomans, and now they are about to start on the Sanders side.) He is the ancestor responsible for the family saying that comes to the lips of any Sanders whenever something about travelling is mentioned.

The phrase, "I've done a heap of travelling in my time," was really just part of it. After he had had (we now surmise) a slight stroke that sort of messed up his thinking, he tended to repeat himself. Once upon a time, a salesman was spending the night at Great-Grandpa's house. Every time the salesman would mention going to any town, Great-Grandpa would chime in with, "Oh, I've travelled a heap in my time. I've been to Guin and Hamilton and Millport and Sulligent, and...." These were all, you understand, nearby towns. Think of substituting Dadeville and Loachapoka and Notasulga and Salem for those towns to get the idea.

This is all leading up to a travel tale of my own. Jerry Roden wrote about my subject a few years ago in the late and lamented *Alabama Life* magazine. I tried to find that copy so I could plagiarize some, but I couldn't. Anyway, I'll bet he didn't ride over as much of Highway 14 as we did.

We latched onto it almost where it begins, or ends, at the Mississippi state line (it becomes Highway 69 in Mississippi), and followed every bump and curve of it to its other end in Auburn. And it was nice. The reason we got on it, northwest of Pickensville, was because we wanted to visit the big lock and dam and park affair near Pickensville on the Tenn-Tom Waterway.

We were most favorably impressed. The visitors center is a lovely thing that must have cost us taxpayers zillions of dollars, but it is class. It's new, but it has the antebellum look of plantation days. It contains exhibits of artifacts from the prehistoric people who lived in the area, stuffed wildlife, pictures and charts of boating history on the Tombigbee, and much more. It is exceedingly well appointed, and the lady who acted as guide-hostess was as nice as nice could be. She spent considerable time telling us about the place. She was not rushed, because, even on a Sunday afternoon, there weren't all that many visitors. Disneyworld it is not, which is all to its credit. There's a real river snagboat (it cleared rivers of trees and...well, snags of all kinds for years, but is now retired) for viewing and inspecting. And the view from the cupola of the building is worth the climb up to it.

But then, onward. To Aliceville. My goodness, I hadn't been there since we used to play them in football. The eleventh grade, I think it was, and that was at night. Highway 14 is going southeast along there, crossing the Sipsey river into Greene County, which is almost surrounded by rivers.

This is good farming country, a lot of it flat; but there are occasional outcroppings of familiar red clay hills, just like the ones in Lamar County. Here's the nice, comfortable looking town of Eutaw, where my old roommate lives. I wonder which mansion is his. It would be one. He is, after all, a doctor.

Greensboro is next. It's in Hale County. A body would think it would be in Greene County. We busted Folsom wide open, and then hit Marion. I know there's a military school there, and Judson College; but following Highway 14, you don't see a single sign indicating where they might be. You also don't see a single fast food place, so obviously we weren't close to one of the schools.

Frosty was beginning to feel faint from hunger. "Lookie here at the map," she croaked, "14 goes way out of the way. Why don't we take 45 down to 80 and go into Selma that way?"

"Nope," I said. "We're following 14, and besides, I never have been to Sprott." So we went right through downtown Sprott, the business district, and then Radford and Suttle, and then finally to Burger King, er, Selma, that is.

Headed roughly due east now. Brantley, Mulberry, Autaugaville, and then Prattville. We're back on familiar territory. Soon we're to Wetumpka. The road bypasses downtown now, thus missing maybe the prettiest bridge in Alabama, the one right by downtown Wetumpka.

Ah, here's Talladega, and beautiful Notasulga, and Loachapoka.

And then we're home, right at the very end, or beginning, of Highway 14, after having covered almost, except at the very western end of it, every mile of it.

Interstates are fine for one purpose: getting from point A to point B in the shortest possible time. Period. I'm not like a friend of mine who thinks they should all be plowed up and planted in turnips. Sometimes I wish there was one from here to Frontier Country. But, if there's no pressing rush, no tight schedule to meet, I'll take the other highways every time, highways like good old 14, roads that touch where real people live.

Behind the Headlines

By Kaye Lovvorn '64

It's early on the last Sunday morning in May as I try to write the final item for the June-July *Alumnews*. I am alone in the quiet peacefulness of the Auburn Alumni Center. The parking lot out back is almost empty, as is the one across the street in front of Comer. A lone coed sits on the sidewalk sketching the fraternity house next door. As I watch, another coed jogs past the artist on this beautiful morning. Now and then a car goes down South College Street. I have been trying to write this column for two weeks and I can wait no longer; deadlines call, but communicating what I feel gets no easier.

In the aftermath of the seven months of turmoil involving personnel of the Alumni & Development Office, several natural tendencies exist, particularly for those of us whose lives, careers, and perceptions of Auburn University have been altered.

One tendency is to feel anger and resentment toward the people who precipitated, aggravated, and prolonged the agony, and who, seemingly, remain untouched by the havoc that has resulted.

Another is to despair and feel that a great organization is well on its way to being gutted,

many people have been hurt, and Auburn University has been damaged. Despite the hope that the painful resignation of the executive director would end the turmoil and allow the wounds to begin to heal, newspaper headlines again mention the affairs of the Alumni and Development Office, and we fear that what hasn't been done to us by "enemies" will now be done by "friends."

One Auburn club president telephones to complain that he continues to receive anonymous packages making charges against current and past administrators and against the faculty. Friday night's *Birmingham News* reported that the Jefferson County Auburn Club has voted no confidence in the university administration, trustees, and faculty senate and is calling for a June meeting to "regain control" of the Alumni Association. A story in this morning's *Opelika-Auburn News* renews the attack on the faculty and hints of separation of the Alumni Association from the fundraising efforts of Auburn University, a move that can do nothing but harm.

More than thirty years ago, Executive Director Joe Sarver '37 and some far-sighted alumni such as Ben Gilmer '26, the late Roy B. Sewell '22, and the late Edmund C. Leach '15 led Auburn's Alumni Association away from the usual rah-rah of such organizations and pioneered support for the university's academic programs through fundraising and the creation of the Auburn University Foundation. Since that time the executive director of development for Auburn University, the executive secretary of the Foundation, and the executive director of the Auburn Alumni Association have been the same person. Only one staff has existed. Most members of the staff have assignments in both alumni support and in development, and *The Alumnews*, for instance, is funded by both the Alumni Association and the Auburn University Foundation. For thirty years, the combining of roles has worked to Auburn's benefit, crowned by the Generations Fund and the past three years of fundraising, which were the highest in Auburn's history. At the end of April, both Alumni Association dues and gifts to the Auburn University Foundation are running ahead of last year. If the efforts of the Jefferson County Club leadership, as interpreted by the paper (we haven't seen a copy of the resolution, etc.), result in the separation of those offices as is done at many other universities, fundraising at Auburn will enter a new era of divisiveness and competition, and that group will have done a grave disservice to Auburn.

The overwhelming mood in the Alumni and Development Office remains somber. In addition to the executive director, his family, and the staff of the Alumni and Development Office, the people most affected by this sad business have been Alumni President Batey Gresham and the board of directors of the Alumni Association, who because of their love for Auburn University and the Auburn Alumni Association have been attacked and torn, as they spent hours and days seeking a positive solution that could not be reached. They admire and respect Jerry and the work he has done for Auburn; the same is true of 95 percent of the staff of the Alumni and Development Office, who worked harder than they ever had in their lives in the past three and one-half years and with a greater feeling of accomplishment.

Yet by May, most of us had come reluctantly to the sad conclusion that relief would come only with Jerry's resignation, but that conclusion made it no easier to accept.

When I was perhaps at the depth of despair about it all, a friend, backed by an acquaintance with Auburn not far short of 50 years, gently rebuked me for my despondency. Auburn University is larger than any one person, any group of people, no matter who they are, he reminded me. I've thought of his words often in the past few weeks as I've sought to come to some personal resolution. They helped carry me through some tough assignments, including my class reunion and dedication of the Alumni Center, occasions marred by sorrow over what was happening and uncertainty about the future.

But the wonderful individuals of the Auburn alumni body helped get us through those activities, particularly the dedication of the Alumni Center. Many alumni made a special effort to come to Auburn from North Carolina and Indiana and north Alabama and Pensacola and Columbus. The opening of the Alumni Center was as much an occasion for them as for us. No other activities were going on to draw them to Auburn that Saturday morning. Some of them haven't attended a football game since college, have never been invited to participate in an advisory council, never had a class reunion, or held an office in an Auburn Club. For those alumni, it was an opportunity they'd never had before to have a special role in an Auburn activity, and they made it a grand occasion.

Auburn University is bigger and more important than any group of us no matter if we're alumni, or employees, or administrators, or trustees, or faculty. Although it's natural for those of us who've been hurt to want to get our own back, nothing is more devastating than a long-term family fight. The only benefactors are newspaper reporters and a few selfish individuals. The Auburn family has better things to do, and it's time we remembered it. That doesn't mean that some old relationships will ever return to their past closeness, that some people will ever be trusted again. Nor does it mean that I or others will no longer admire Jerry Smith for the many accomplishments he made as executive director, nor that we'll stop hoping that the person who succeeds him will have the vision to build on the good things Jerry began here. But it does mean that we'll be willing to set new goals, make new agendas, and move ahead, rather than continuing to refight past battles.

The administration, the trustees, the alumni board and other alumni leaders, the faculty, and those of us on the Alumni and Development staff have an important part to play in the healing of the wounds of the past seven months. It will take all of us, and it's time we got on with it.

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Alum Travels Back in Time

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

What a shock to read the May 1989 *Alumnews*. First of all, there was an article about Chris Abbott, who was a good friend of mine at Auburn, and then, in the picture feature "Are You in These Pictures?" from the Theatre Department, I was in two of the pictures.

I attended Auburn from 1961 to 1966, earning a B.S. in theatre education and an M.A. in speech. I would love to attend the 75th anniversary celebration for theatre, but am unable to. I currently work full time for a touring repertory theatre company in Charleston, S.C.—the Chopstick Theatre. We are currently rehearsing for *Cyrano!* and for our Comedia Dell Chopstick Series, both of which we will present in Charleston as part of *Piccolo Spoleto*.

Thank you for this walk into the past. It was an emotional rush for me. Auburn was such a huge part of my life that I carry it with me always in my heart.

Anne Hackworth Biggs '64
Charleston, S.C.

Gun Helped Save Reader's Life

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

James Gundlach's article, "Gun Availability Leads to Violence," certainly irritates me. "Imagined danger" shot a friend of mine and tried to kill my mother and me. If I had not had a gun myself and been able to kill this "imagined danger," two of my best friends, my mother, and myself would have all been dead.

You really stomped hard on my right to defend myself and my family.

Thomas Waters '71
Clopton, Ala.

Changes Needed in Board Selection

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

Let's set the record straight about loyalty to Auburn. Aside from religion, patriotism, and family, most of us who have graduated from Auburn love her and are loyal to her above all else. Some of us have chosen to make service to Auburn our life's work. Admittedly, we are paid for our efforts and thus feel doubly blessed; it's a wonderful thing to be paid for something one absolutely loves doing.

I am an Auburn graduate; my wife is an Auburn graduate; our daughter is an Auburn graduate; and we have a son who is currently enrolled at Auburn. My brother is an Auburn graduate, and his son and daughter are both Auburn graduates. We are not outside agitators.

George Atkins and his wife are both Auburn graduates, Julian Holmes is an Auburn graduate, Pat Brackin is married



OUTSTANDING ALUM—Howard E. Palms '60, left, vice president of corporate affairs at South Central Bell and chairman of the Engineering Alumni Advisory Council, was recently honored with the Electrical Engineering Department's Outstanding Alumni Award. Presenting the award for department head David Irwin was Professor Leo Grigsby.

to an Auburn graduate. From the beginning of this unfortunate controversy, George, Pat, and Julian have been labeled disgruntled trouble-makers, out to get their Executive Director for malevolent reasons of their own. Not so. For their true motivation I suggest you refer back to the first paragraph above. I have been labeled a dupe, a faculty crazy. Not so, I hope.

Why write now, when at last this crisis has been resolved? Most alumni in the state have been able to form opinions as to the right and the wrong of it, but others have had to rely on the information they have obtained from this publication, and I submit that they have been given a slanted picture. I can understand that the Editor has been in an extremely awkward position, as the *Alumnews* is the official journal of the Auburn Alumni Association, funded by that organization. Still, I would have preferred a more objective portrayal.

Last October, I performed an unpleasant task, one which I considered an absolute duty, in writing to the Board of Directors of the Auburn Alumni Association. Since then, their attitude and posture have proved a source of amazement to me. It's as if they never wanted to learn whether the alleged improprieties had any factual basis, but only to find out how the story was getting out and to stop it, and to voice their complete and unequivocal support for the Executive Director, even while investigations were going on. I still don't understand it, but, as in the case of nuclear fusion at room temperature, I can carry on without a complete comprehension of the matter. Now, we come to the second reason for this letter, and that is to suggest to the membership of the Auburn Alumni Association that we consider changing the way the Directors are selected. These are honorable men and women, successful in their own careers, who give unselfishly of their

time, energy, and other resources, out of love for Auburn. Yet, they are essentially chosen by the Executive Director, from names submitted by the various Auburn clubs. When was the last time there was a nomination from the floor, or, indeed, more than one nomination for a slot on the board? It is only natural that an Executive Director would select as nominees only those who he or she thought would support his or her policies and activities. There should in my opinion be additional criteria for Board membership. Think it over and, if you agree, write to our President, Batey Gresham. Do so if you don't agree, as well. That we can express our views openly is the glory of our free country.

Ben Fitzpatrick '52
Auburn, Ala.

Disarming America Not the Answer

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

It's amusing how, when a national issue starts hitting the headlines, everyone wants to get in on the act. It was with disappointment that I read an Auburn professor has joined the ranks of the gun bashers.

My perception of Dr. Gundlach is that he is just one more sociologist who has taken his own views and set out to prove them through "research." In my view, he has done nothing more than to provide the anti-gun forces with more emotional and irrelevant propaganda in this raging debate.

M.A.D.D., Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, is a shining example of a highly effective group that has taken exactly the right approach to criminals who cause slaughter on our highways. They have effected successful changes in the laws of most states that are yielding impressive results in the battle against drunk

drivers. Never has M.A.D.D. advocated the elimination of automobiles.

Anti-gun forces would treat all gun owners as criminals, requiring finger-printing, mug shots, FBI background checks, taxes, and so on. The real tragedy that would result from such policies is the diversion of millions of dollars in tax payers' money from legitimate needs in this country.

Those who would disarm America would do America a favor by being a little less ignorant of history. This country would not exist had England enforced some of the policies now being advocated. Eastern European emigrants can also attest to the dangers of an unarmed citizenry. If we continue to focus on symptoms and not causes, we will do little to rid our country of crime and violence.

Jerome W. Hunter '72
Alpharetta, Ga.

Auburn Spirit is Alive and Well

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

On a recent April Sunday, my husband and I visited Auburn and were thrilled to see the new Alumni Association building. We also stopped at Cater Hall to see the old quad where I lived in the early 1940s, and then we crashed a Cardinal Key reception. We received wonderful, typical Auburn greetings from Dr. Pat Barnes, vice president for student affairs, and Dr. Joe Kicklighter of the History Department, as well as from the handsome, pretty, and bright students—especially when they learned I was a member of that august honorary group in 1945.

It was so refreshing to receive such warm greetings from these fine folks who are carrying on the splendid legends of Auburn that we all know so well!

Sue Hawkins Jones '45
& Stanley S. Jones '44
Atlanta, Ga.

Remembering Dr. Chastain

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

Thank you very much for your kind tribute to Dr. E.D. Chastain. He was a wonderful man who provided great inspiration to me while at Auburn and since.

Steven C. Kranzusch '78
Montgomery, Ala.

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Features

Hard Work, Loyalty Made Prewett '52 A Leader in the Hosiery Industry

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V.I. Prewett, Jr., '52 doesn't look like a person who would have an office in the Empire State Building. But he does.

It would be hard to pick him out of the crowd leaving one of his hosiery mills after the first shift any afternoon. Usually, Mr. Prewett doesn't get out that early. He doesn't work on the production line, but he could. And he has.

Mr. Prewett is unquestionably a giant in the hosiery industry, but one gets the feeling he would be no different at all if he were not an important part of the phenomenal growth of one of the world's largest sock-producing enterprises in his hometown of Fort Payne.

Like the people he employs, he is strongly committed to hard work and common sense, and guided by a down-to-earth attitude about people, business and family. The job isn't easy, he says, but hard work pays off. He sees to that.

The business he and his father started in a garage 35 years ago has grown into a network of 15 mills—three of his own and 12 others owned and operated independently by family and friends. Sales for the group will be more than \$90 million this year. The conglomerate has grown more than 400 percent in the last nine years alone. Mr. Prewett notes proudly that the group is in its fourth year of more than 20 percent compounded growth. In the last four years, sales have doubled.

Mr. Prewett has not lost sight of what working hard is all about. He does it every day. When he goes to work, he dresses comfortably and suitably. Neckties worn in the mill, especially by executives, are frowned upon. Mr. Prewett wears one to work only at Christmas. He spends more time in the mills than in the boardroom. His office in the massive 70,000-square-foot distribution center is no bigger than anyone else's. He knows just about all his workers by first name.

Mr. Prewett is, in the most basic sense, a mill worker. He is in the office, or more likely out in one of the mills, most mornings around 6:30. He eats two to three meals a day and drinks coffee in the distribution center cafeteria, sitting at the same tables with knitters, seamers, boxers, general managers, and partners.

And he won't take credit for Fort Payne's successful hosiery mill industry. "I wish I could take credit for all of this but I can't. No one person could possibly build something like this. It hasn't been one person, or five, or 20," he said. "It's grown because of hard work and a lot of persistence...on everybody's part from the janitors to the general managers. I guess I'm a leader just because I'm the oldest and I've been around the longest."

Mr. Prewett hasn't made every deal



PUT A SOCK IN IT—V.I. Prewett, Jr., '52 took a small family business and made it into one of the largest sock producers in the world. His network of 15 mills are based in and around his hometown of Fort Payne and will bring in more than \$90 million this year.

—Photo by Mike Clemmer

or bought and sold each machine. But his knowledge of the business and his faith in his family have given the organization a direction that has led to success. He sees everyone involved with his business as family, directly or philosophically. He calls the massive production and sales operation "a family of mills."

Mr. Prewett owns and oversees three of his own operations in Fort Payne: Contineer, Pioneer, and the beginning of it all, V.I. Prewett and Son, Inc. He also operates the Prewett Mill Distribution Center. His three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren own and operate C.S. Bell Hosiery, Inc.; Campana Mills; McKeehan Hosiery, Inc.; Cherokee Hosiery Mills, Inc.; and Johnson Hosiery, Inc.

The family-owned mills join with a number of privately owned mills around Fort Payne, many started and managed by former Prewett employees, to help produce 340,000 pairs of socks a week. The other mills in Mr. Prewett's "family" are Chessell Mills, Robin-Lynn Mills, Gorham Mills, Flischinkim Mills, Capital

Knitting, Keef Hosiery, and Shankles Hosiery.

"Besides this being a family-owned business, all of the mills work like a family. We're separate but we don't mind helping each other out. We take care of each other," Mr. Prewett said of the organization. Each mill produces or helps produce a different type of sock—either children's dress socks, socks for toddlers, or men's and boys' athletic socks—plugging into every sock market in every sales season. When sales on sports socks are down, as in March or April, a mill that produces sports socks may shift to producing children's socks through the Easter season, picking up work from another mill in the family that has more work than it can handle.

"The same goes for the people over here in the offices," Mr. Prewett says. "When we need them to, they have to go help load trucks. When the ox is in the ditch, you've got to get out and push."

In addition to the mill businesses, Mr. Prewett's three daughters are partners in a commercial property

leasing company, Brookwood Leasing, also based in Fort Payne.

Fort Payne, a town of about 12,000, has two distinctions. In the country music business it is known as the home of the singing group, Alabama. In the hosiery business, however, Fort Payne is the "Sock Capital of the World," because of the town's concentration of production facilities, which employ half of DeKalb County's workforce and meet a \$1 million payroll weekly, making it a vital part of the local economy.

Mr. Prewett handles the pressures of his position with calmness, tempering frustration with common sense and consideration. Recently, an employee made an error in calculation that caused a \$75,000 underpayment from one of the group's biggest clients, Wal-Mart. "In a lot of places, I guess that person would have been fired. But nobody felt worse about that than he did. I've never known anyone who hasn't made a mistake or two," Mr. Prewett said. "I just told him I'd write a letter and ask for the money. That's my job."

Mr. Prewett has been on the job in the hosiery business every working day since he and his father hung a sign on their former garage, shook hands and went to work in May 1953.

At the time, the younger Prewett was starting a family. He was just out of Auburn University, training for management in National Carbide's largest facility in Columbia, Tenn. Mr. Prewett, Sr., was a superintendent of manufacturing for W.Y. Shugart's Mill, one of the three largest hosiery mills in town at the time. He had worked his way up from a low-level job in a dye house, where he started at age 17 in 1920.

Mr. Prewett, Sr., was reconditioning some old knitting machines in his spare time. One weekend when the family was together at home in Fort Payne, father and son decided they would become entrepreneurs, partners in their own sock mill. They knew where they could get some used machines relatively cheap. To figure the cost of how much yarn it would take to make a sock, Mr. Prewett, Jr., unraveled a dozen socks and took the yarn downtown to weigh it on the pharmaceutical scales at Haralson Drugstore. With those figures in hand, they were in business.

Mr. Prewett, Sr., worked out a deal to sell to his former boss the total weekly production of the fledgling family enterprise. The Prewetts modified the garage behind their house, closing in one end and paneling the walls with the sides of yarn cases. They began production with what was then a mighty staff of six full-time employees and eight extras. Among their other duties, Mr. Prewett, Jr.'s wife was the "top-puller," stretching the tops of each sock for quality, and his mother carefully inspected each sock before it was sent out to represent the family business. The office was a corner with a card table for a desk and a nail keg for a chair. The first week's production was 748 socks.

When V.I. Prewett, Sr., died in 1975, his son wrote a front page editorial for the mill's monthly newspaper, "We have all lost a friend." He wrote that his father was a "humble, unpretentious man. He sought to stand in the background and let others have the limelight," and "The footprints of Vergil Prewett are all around us."

Keeping in mind the principles his father taught him, Mr. Prewett respects the ingenuity and spirit of his employees to become owners. He knows that a mill can start small and grow. He and his father started on \$3,500 capital between them.

"A lot of money won't build a sock mill. If someone thinks that, I'd tell them to spend it on someone else," Mr. Prewett says. "A lack of money will build a better mill, because you learn to work, be patient, and get by on what you've got."

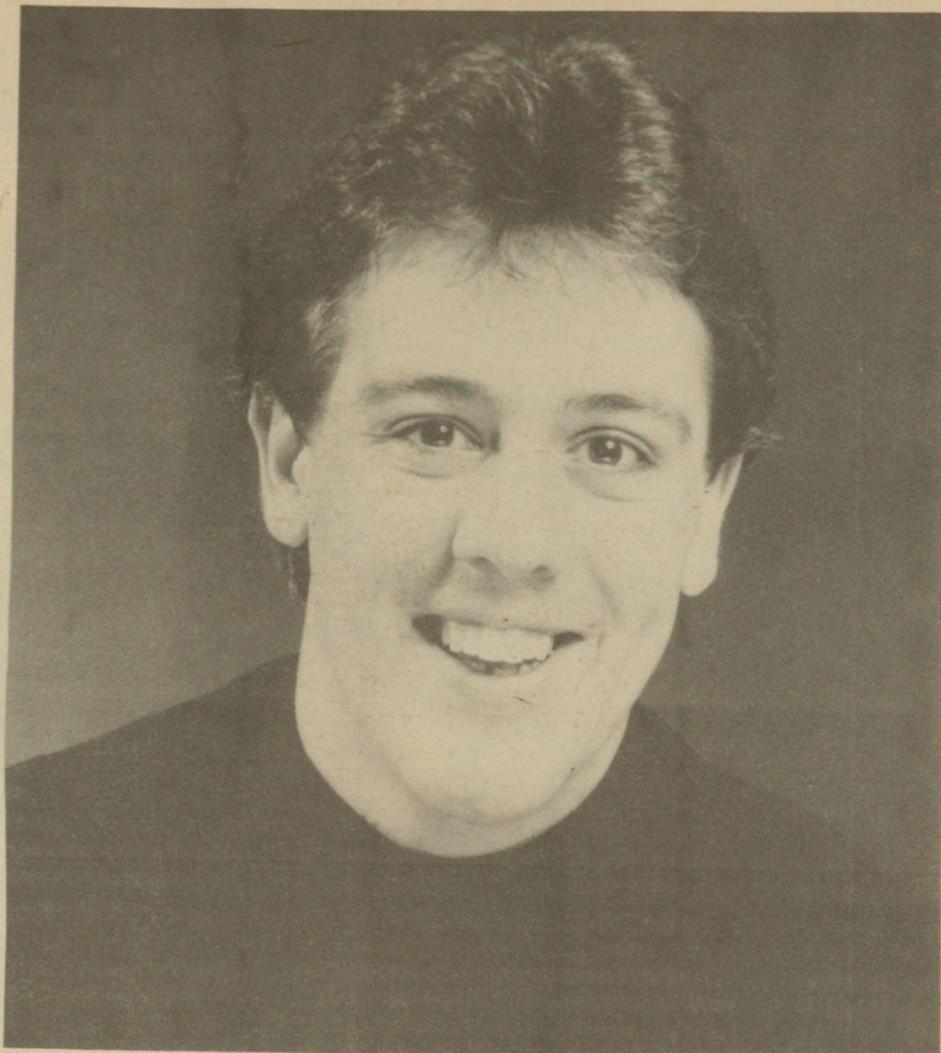
Hard work, persistence, and loyalty to the people who helped build the enterprise have brought Mr. Prewett to his place in the hosiery industry. These values have kept the company growing in even the worst of economic times. Mr. Prewett has had only one layoff, the second year into operation when six people had to be put on reserve. Some borrowed machines had to be returned ahead of schedule. "We wouldn't have laid anyone off then if we'd had the equipment," he said.

In 1982, Mr. Prewett began marketing his own socks through his own sales office in the Empire State Building in New York City. When he severed connections with his sales agent, he faced the loss of one third of the group's total sales. An intensified sales effort, new styles, new colors, and improved packaging helped the organization not only overcome the loss, but log an 11.3 percent increase that year. "Nobody is a genius," he says. "The good Lord gave us all about the same equipment. We just use it differently."

Mr. Prewett does what he can to make his appreciation known. His employee benefits package is a trendsetter in the textile industry. Besides a strong health program, employees are treated to parties on holidays, live entertainment at employee functions, company trips to Florida and Opryland, mill volleyball and softball teams, and dozens of sponsored youth league teams. Employees who excel win quality and service awards. In a monthly mill newspaper, employees write and edit their own stories about vacations taken, babies born and birthdays coming up, or anything else going on in the mills.

"People are everything," Mr. Prewett says. "They're your biggest asset and the best thing you can invest in. I guess we do it because we've been there. Me and Papa were the first two hourly employees. My mom and my wife were the next two."

He believes the investment pays off. "Your people determine what kinds of machines you're going to run, how fast they're going to run, the quality of the goods you put out, the packaging. Every aspect of the business depends on your people. We just say yes or no, in most cases to what they request to be done. They're the bosses."



A LAUGH A MINUTE—Vic Henley '84, who majored in business while at Auburn, now makes a living with funny business as a professional comedian. Henley, who returned to campus in April for a performance sponsored by the UPC, has appeared on a number of national programs including "Star Search," and the "CBS Morning Show."

Auburn Business Grad Now Deals in Laughter, Fun

By Steven Stiefel '89

Vic Henley '84 is a show-off.

In fifth grade, he recited passages from his Bill Cosby records in class during free time. His senior year at Oxford High, the administration laid out his schedule and fixed it so that he and his friends not only had classes apart, but on different floors when possible. The 26-year-old comedian has come a long way since then, winning two "Star Search" competitions, appearing on such programs as MTV's "Funny Papers," Showtime's "Comedy Club," USA network's "Night Flight," and "CBS Morning Show." He has appeared in "Dangerfields" and "Catch a Rising Star," two of the hottest comedy clubs in the country.

Returning to Auburn in April to perform before a standing-room-only crowd in the Foy Union Ballroom, he recalled how his comedy career began. "In fifth grade, I learned the routines word for word on my brothers' Cosby album. After a while, though, my friends got tired of it because I only knew one record," said Mr. Henley. "When I reached seventh grade, I found out who Richard Pryor was."

"My teachers believed I had a problem and joked around too much, but since I made straight As all through school, they couldn't actually do anything. Once I got to Auburn, I didn't cause that much trouble—just what I could get away with."

"I started out in engineering, but

changed to business after one quarter. I didn't want that much homework," he said. He did take his classes seriously, but the change allowed him more time for outside activities. Though never officially belonging to a fraternity, he spent a lot of time with the Greeks because of his job at the intramural fields. The self-proclaimed "mayor of Tamarack" apartments for four years, he said his best memories from Auburn usually derive from band parties or sunny days at Chewacla park.

Mr. Henley was destined to attend college at Auburn because of family tradition. "I spent a lot of time down here around my brothers, and I've known the campus since I was about seven. My brothers, Terry and Mike, played football for Auburn, and from 1969 to 1976, a Henley remained in the backfield at Jordan-Hare. Nearly 18 years later, people in all parts of the country still ask if I'm related to Terry, who was an All-SEC running back and the Tigers' leading scorer in 1972. Coach Jordan used to come and eat dinner with us when he and Terry recruited Mike. I grew up watching Auburn football and didn't miss a home game from 1969 until I graduated."

Mr. Henley got started in comedy soon after he finished at Auburn. He had moved to Arizona, and one night he and some friends went to a comedy club for a little relaxation. The club held a contest for amateur comedians, and his friends persuaded him to enter. "After all those years, they got sick of hearing me whine about wanting to do a comedy routine," he said.

"I felt very, very scared before I went on stage, but once I got up there, it was like I had been doing it forever," Mr.

Henley said. He won the contest, and a month later, felt confident enough to quit his job selling long distance phone service in Phoenix to try his luck as a professional comedian. He said he has never had any second thoughts about doing comedy and feels he has the best job in the world. "I've wanted to do this my whole life. I've always showed off, and I'm lucky enough to get paid for doing it now."

Mr. Henley started performing in clubs in and around the Phoenix area and his career quickly snowballed. The first comedian he headlined with was Rob Barlett, one of Eddie Murphy's former partners, who helped to get him some club dates in New York, where he now lives.

"My routine is spontaneous," he said, "but I usually talk about all the things that a 26-year-old single guy thinks about. My teachers used to warn me throughout high school that no one ever made a living by joking around in life, but I guess they don't know everything."

"The college circuit makes up a hefty proportion of my performances, apart from nightclubs, cruise ships, and television appearances. One of the reasons I like to play colleges is because the audiences seem more open-minded and laugh at tasteless jokes that might get food thrown at me in other places. Sometimes the show is clean, sometimes it's pretty vile. Typically, I'd like to see at least a 75 percent clean show. It just depends on my mood."

There's one topic in his performances that always receives harsh treatment. He likes giving the "Crimson Tide" an unbridled dose of abuse on stage. In past years, he has arranged to play a club in Birmingham the week of the Iron Bowl. This year, he hopes to play the Auburn campus again when Alabama comes to the plains for the first time. Growing up in north Alabama, where folks seem partial to the Tide, and witnessing the ten-year losing streak as his brothers played football, he finds Auburn's current winning trend against Alabama quite enjoyable.

During his show on campus, Mr. Henley joked with the students about Auburn as well, asking the crowd, "What about Haley Center? You want to tell me the guys who designed that building weren't smoking marijuana or something? Let's see," he mimicked, "Let's make this place, like, a maze, and we'll mix up all the numbers." He also read a question from an alumni survey to the crowd: "Do you think your experience at Auburn has aided your career?" Oh, sure, some of my classes were a joke."

Actually, he feels his business courses helped him deal with the money he's starting to make without having to heavily rely on others. He also likes knowing he can always fall back on his business skills in case his career should hit a bump. There are, however, no signs of that occurring any time soon. In fact, the future looks promising for his comedy career. Despite all of his appearances, he doesn't feel he's had a big breakthrough yet.

Much of his humor centers on living in New York City and how Northerners react to his Southern mannerisms. He says people in Northern cities hesitate

taking directions from a Southerner. "I usually get two words out before they say, 'Don't listen to him, honey, we'll wind up at Elvis' grave."

He says his accent does help on stage, however. "Up North, I say 'Hi' on stage and get laughs. Women seem to think it's cute, but in general, people believe the accent indicates ignorance. Northerners like Southern mannerisms, but don't understand them. They think we're like cartoon characters. Their only perceptions of the South come from shows like 'Hee Haw' and the 'Beverly Hillbillies.' They think we go around barefooted, wearing overalls, eating grits, drinking Jack Daniels, dipping Skoal, picking cotton, having sex with relatives, and looking for UFOs. But that's not true—I've never seen a UFO and second cousins don't count.

"Southerners tend to stereotype the North as well," he added. "They think as soon as they enter the airport, someone's waiting to mug them. I do miss collegiate football up there. They have teams, but it's not the same. A lot of rich people play golf—not really my kind of sport. Golf isn't violent enough. Maybe if you had to fend off an opponent with your putt, swing at him while he tries to hit."

Though he lives in New York, Mr. Henley's work carries him all over North America. "This kind of life means a lot of traveling, but I enjoy it," he continued. "I've always wanted to see the country, so why not get paid to travel?"

He says his main influence as a comedian was Richard Pryor, though he also enjoys the uninhibited antics of Robin Williams and the versatility of Eddie Murphy. He envies Murphy for having total freedom and control in all aspects of his broad career. He says his ambition is "to be like Murphy. Maybe use my management skills in running 'Vic Henley, Inc.'"

He can be seen on Video Hits One (VH-1) introducing videos and sharing his humor through cable television. "That just came out of the blue," he said. "Video jockey Rosie O'Donnell saw me perform in some club and recommended me for a new V.J. spot. I'm looking forward to the chance if it

actually works out. I'm only going on for two weeks so they can try me out, but it may provide a great breakthrough for my career because it'll be me talking to a massive audience every day for as long as they let me jabber."

"That's the best part about doing comedy," he said. "I'm up there because people say I'm funny, so I just want to talk to the audience. Going up on stage and talking to a crowd about whatever comes to mind sure beats standing up there and telling jokes. I listened to all of the great comedians as a kid—Carlin, Pryor, Cosby, Steve Martin—and learned to emulate those guys."

"Now I'm a comedy fiend."

AU-Kentucky Vet Connection is a Two-way Street

By Geoff LoCicero '89

As the union between Kentucky and Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine nears its 38th anniversary, the two still enjoy the honeymoon-like atmosphere of their agreement and want to keep the spark alive for as long as possible. As the South's oldest vet school and one of the few in the country at the time, Auburn began to accept students from Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana in September, 1949, through contracts with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Atlanta. The Bluegrass State first sent its students to Auburn two years later and has been the only state under contract since 1981.

"Kentucky is enjoying a very good and secure relationship with Auburn," says College of Veterinary Medicine Dean Tom Vaughan '55. "Both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Auburn want to preserve it as long as they can. Kentucky provides us with a continuous source of quality students, and Auburn provides the Commonwealth of Kentucky with about as many spaces [for students] as it needs. In the simplest terms, Kentucky and Auburn enjoy the mutual benefits of an ideal relationship,

and we're interested in perpetuating that relationship."

Only 11 vet schools existed in the country in the post World War II years, and Auburn's, founded in 1907, was one of the most established. Texas A&M started its program in 1916; Georgia created a division of veterinary medicine in 1918, but discontinued it from 1933 to 1946; Tuskegee Institute opened its college in 1945; and Oklahoma State began in 1947. Consequently, requests for the few out-of-state positions available flooded Auburn after the war, many from veterans using the G.I. Bill. As many as 2,700 people applied in 1948, for example, according to Associate Dean H.C. Morgan '55.

To respond to the pressure, the late Redding S. Sugg '15, dean of Veterinary Medicine from 1940 to 1958, developed the idea of a regional education system to provide out-of-state students with enrollment opportunities. The SREB negotiated agreements between the 14 southern states and the five southern vet schools that allowed it to decide where each state's students would attend school. The majority of Auburn's SREB-related students came from Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky, although, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, and West Virginia have also been represented. No more than six states have been under contract at one time, Dr. Morgan says.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, applicants in all health profession studies surged, and Auburn increased its enrollment from 65 to 100 to meet the demand. The number of vet schools had remained at 18 between 1955 and 1972, but the availability of federal grants triggered construction that began the increase to today's total of 27. The money also allowed Auburn to build more facilities, but required enrollment growth that saw classes expand to 105 in 1970 and 115 two years later. When the funds ran out in 1982, Auburn reduced enrollment to 90 per year, of which 34 spaces are allotted to Kentucky and 10 to at-large selections, figures that are approved by Auburn's board of trustees and president.

"Occasionally, this is a bone of contention with the state legislature," Dr. Vaughan says. "They think we're starting to take more out-of-state students than is considered fair to the sons and daughters of loyal Alabamians." Alabamians always constitute a majority, albeit a narrow one, of the student body, the dean says.

Although students from Kentucky and the other states had slim opportunities for acceptance to vet schools before the regional education system was instituted, vet shortages weren't a serious problem, according to Dr. Wellington Moore, Jr., '55, one of the 12 members of Kentucky's first class and the director of Auburn's Laboratory of Animal Health. "There were not near as many vets as today, but people moved around enough to take care of shortages in any area," he says. "When people hear about a good area, they go there." Today, the 46,000 vets nationwide compare to fewer than 20,000 when the system began. Of Kentucky's 784 vets, 423 are Auburn graduates, although not all are products of the Kentucky-Auburn route. The

contract doesn't stipulate that students must return to Kentucky to practice, but many do, Dr. Moore adds.

"There are no requirements for the students to meet," he says. "Kentucky is obligated to provide educational opportunities for the youth of the state. It's just like the students who attend Auburn in engineering, or journalism, or anything else. We have no ties on them, and the state couldn't handle all of them. There's no obligation for them to stay here. Kentucky is simply investing in our program so it doesn't have to invest \$40 to \$50 million to build its own physical plant." Annual operating costs would be more than \$10 million, according to Dr. Vaughan: "Thus far, I see it as a tremendous bargain for Kentucky to be involved with Auburn's veterinary medicine program."

The Kentucky Council on Higher Education screens its students and sends the most qualified to Auburn for final selection. Under the contract, Kentucky pays \$7,750 per student, allowing the individuals to pay in-state fees of about \$1,800 to \$1,900 per year, depending on class hours. The 10 at-large students must pay the out-of-state fees, about three times as much.

Besides funding considerations, Kentucky doesn't have the number of students needed to establish its own school, according to Dr. Moore. "I don't think the state will ever build its own vet school," he says. "I don't feel the state needs a vet school. Schools have been built in other states, but there weren't enough candidates in-state to justify the schools after the backlog was eliminated. It's more economical this way."

The vet school's enrollment is even more diverse now than when numerous states were sending their students to Auburn, Dr. Vaughan says. Then, proof of lengthy residency was required, ensuring that students had gone through their state's public education system and their parents still lived there. Discrimination suits eliminated such requirements, and now students from anywhere in the U.S. can do their undergrad work in Alabama and Kentucky, establish state residency, and apply for 80 of the vet school's slots. In fact, Auburn graduates, students, and faculty represent all 50 states, according to Dean Vaughan. "A great institute of higher learning is never one that can limit its horizons to the state line," he says. "You have to be international, not even national." Only U.S. citizens are eligible for enrollment for the DVM, however.

Auburn and Kentucky compliment each other as well as complement each other. "The Commonwealth has a very strong system of higher education and has excellent diagnostic labs and veterinary science departments," Dr. Vaughan says. "They send us good students, who are strong academically, generally well-rounded, and have a lot of motivation." Says one such student, sophomore class president Mark Greene, "What I'd always heard, and found probably to be true, is that Auburn's a top-notch system. Kentucky couldn't do any better [than contracting with Auburn]. If you want a little bit of everything, Auburn's got people from the city and the country. There's a good mix



THE KENTUCKY CONNECTION—Dad Fuchs would have had an even tougher time paying four tuitions at once if not for the arrangement that allows Kentucky natives to pay in-state tuition at Auburn's veterinary school. The Fuchs family, all vet school graduates from Louisville, Ky., left to right, are: David '89, Joe '89, Mary Jane '87, Richard '56, and Joyce '88.

between the study of large and small animals."

Auburn provides the best opportunity for Kentuckians to receive a quality, practice-oriented education and apply it back home, students and alumni say. "This is a must because there is no real opportunity for people to go to vet school if we don't have the contract," says Mary Jane Fuchs '87, who, along with her father Richard '56, sister Joyce '88, and brothers Joe '89 and David '89, came from Kentucky to attend Auburn. "Kentucky lost its other contract, with Ohio State University, six years ago. Most students are lucky to get in other schools. Kentucky probably doesn't have enough vets. There are a lot of rural areas where we're still short."

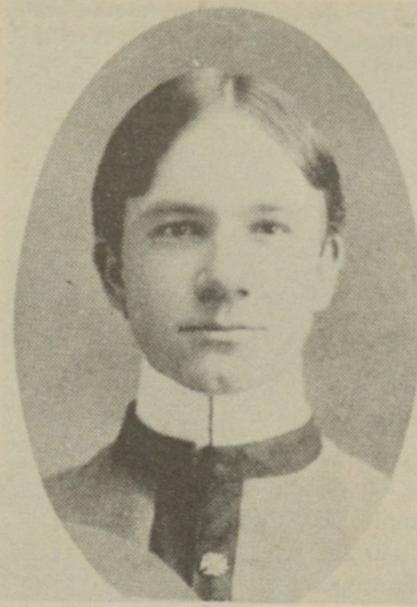
Despite the "culture shock" of Auburn's small-town atmosphere and its 500-mile distance from her hometown of Lexington and the University of Kentucky, where she was an undergrad, Cathy Conger says the Auburn experience is worth inconvenience. "This is our best bet," says Miss Conger, secretary of the junior class and the student chapter of the American Veterinary Association. "If we didn't have this opportunity, a lot of us would never be able to go to vet school because of the competition for out-of-state spots. I'm very pleased with Auburn. It's one of the top-ranked schools in the nation. I feel like before I get out, I'll be prepared to deal with a lot of things I don't think other vet schools teach you."

Holland M. Smith '01 Made Some AU Profs Howling Mad

By Mike Jernigan '80

When Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama President William Leroy Broun answered the door of his Auburn home one spring evening of 1898 to find a squirming, squalling cat tied to his doorknob, he had little inkling that one of the perpetrators of the prank would, 45 years later, cause the Japanese Empire similar distress as Commander, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific. Crouching in the bushes that evening, suppressing laughter as the staid administrator tried to free the much-annoyed cat while still maintaining some semblance of presidential dignity, 16-year-old freshman Holland M. Smith '01 eventually became the second-highest ranking member of the Marine Corps and the father of the amphibious tactics that allowed U.S. armed forces to conquer Japan's numerous island strongholds in the Pacific during World War II.

Somewhere on the way up through the ranks, General Smith's legendary temper, passion for discipline, and fierce disregard for military red tape earned him the sobriquet "Howling Mad," a take-off on his name which added to his considerable reputation and became a household name throughout the nation during the war as he led the Marines' march across the central Pacific. Not only did General Smith help pioneer the amphibious warfare craft which made the Marines' campaigns possible, he also led them during some of their finest hours. The list of his commands reads



MISCHIEF MAKER—Holland M. Smith '01 as an API cadet at the turn of the century.

like an honor roll of Marine victories, with Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima among the most prominent.

There was little to indicate, however, that the light of military genius lay within him when young Cadet Smith arrived at Auburn in fall, 1898, after making the thirty-mile journey by wagon from his home in Seale. His father, John Wesley Smith, had attended the college at Auburn before going on to become a prominent lawyer, and the younger Smith was expected to follow in his footsteps.

Though he had shown an early fascination with the exploits of Napoleon, reading everything he could find on the French general, Cadet Smith found the military regimentation of life as an Auburn cadet dull and wearisome. Military training was a major part of life at Auburn around the turn of the century, and the college's 360 cadets—resplendent in their Confederate gray uniforms—were a common sight marching and drilling around campus.

"The school had a definite military flavor," General Smith wrote 50 years later in his autobiography, *Coral and Brass*. "We...followed a dull routine of parades, drills, and rifle exercises which seemed puerile to me. I objected to every military detail. Everything military about the place offended me and the fact that I barely graduated is a pretty good indication of my interest in the preponderantly military side. But still I loved my alma mater."

Though he was admitted to the college as a second-year student, having successfully completed both the freshman and sophomore entrance examinations, Cadet Smith's enthusiasm for his studies also lagged. He did well in subjects he liked, especially history, but his grades in Latin, English, mathematics, and chemistry were passable at best. Even so, his relationships with many of his professors were close, to the point that he corresponded with them for many years after his graduation. His favorite professor was Dr. George Petrie, who taught history and current events. Many years later, General Smith recalled Dr. Petrie interrupting his class to admonish: "Girls [there were three coeds enrolled in 1898], if I may have the attention of these boys during this hour, you can have 'em when I get through with 'em."

While Cadet Smith's interest in other academic pursuits ran hot and cold, his interest in military history found a new outlet in the college library which, though small, proved a veritable treasure trove of information compared to the material available to him as a boy. "I read everything it offered on Napoleon, to the detriment of my other studies," he later recalled. "The Corsican's character fascinated me, his prowess awed me, and his rapid marches and counter-marches across the map of Europe, defeating one adversary after another, implanted in my mind military principles that served me well later, although, paradoxically, the Auburn military atmosphere nauseated me."

Cadet Smith soon found a much better outlet for his interests in the form of athletics. As a sophomore, he joined the Auburn track team after discovering he had previously unrevealed talents as a sprinter. "As a military school," he wrote, "Alabama Polytechnic [the name was changed to API by act of the state legislature in 1899] was ruled by the seniors, to whom was delegated considerable disciplinary authority. One night, while on unauthorized liberty, I was detected by the seniors and I made a dash back to college to escape them. One of the upperclassmen was the 100-yard champion and he chased me. I beat him back to campus and when I told

my upperclass fraternity brothers at the Alpha Tau Omega house about it, they ordered me to go out for track."

In addition to serving him well on the track, Cadet Smith's running abilities also helped him escape from retribution for the numerous college pranks which he and his fellows engaged in on a regular basis. Tying cats to doorknobs and outrunning upperclassmen were minor transgressions compared to one stunt pulled by Cadet Smith and friends which had all of Auburn buzzing for weeks afterwards. It was his proudest moment as a prankster.

"With some difficulty, we acquired an outhouse near the railroad station at Auburn, far into the night. While the town was asleep, we transported the outhouse in a flatbed wagon to the main intersection of the town at Toomer's Corner. At 3:00 a.m., we acquired from Dr. Cary's lab a human skeleton. We put the skeleton in the outhouse and placed it on the seat of the privy. During the late morning, well after daylight, the townspeople of Auburn, one by one, timidly approached the outhouse, strangely standing in the middle of the road. Those who were curious enough to open the door were startled to see the skeleton leaning forward on the seat, a piece of paper in one hand and his chin in the other."



FATHER OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE—As Commander, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Marine General Holland M. Smith '01 was instrumental in the U.S. victories in the Central Pacific Campaign against Japan, including Tarawa, Saipan, and Iwo Jima.

Still, not all of Cadet Smith's time on the plains was spent pursuing fun and games. During his API years, he also made a decision which he later called the "most momentous" of his life. "Shortly after I entered the Polytechnic, I was offered a designation to take the examinations for entrance to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Bored as I was by the pseudo-military air of Auburn, I still was an adventurous youngster, yearning to do and see things, and I was attracted by the Navy."

Fortunately for the future development of the Marine Corps, Cadet Smith's parents put a swift end to his flirtation with Annapolis. "I never accepted the designation or sat for the examinations because my father and mother would not hear of it. They were both born during the Civil War period and they carried the mental scars of the conflict deep in their beings. They were still unreconstructed and would not permit me to accept an offer which, in their minds, would be a surrender to Yankee ideology. Such an attitude would appear unreasonable today, but when I was a boy in the South, these ideas were live, glowing embers of a fire that had not yet been extinguished, remnants of a pride that could yield but not surrender."

So Cadet Smith remained at API, graduating in 1901 and going on to attend the University of Alabama Law School at the insistence of his father, where he completed his studies in 1903. After losing his first case, during which he recalled "the judge looked at me pityingly and the defense lawyer rested his case and sat down, almost unable to believe that anybody could present a case as badly as I did," Mr. Smith set out to join the Army, having finally overcome both his and his father's earlier aversion to the military. With no commissions available in the Army at that time, the recruiter suggested he join the Marine Corps instead, so Mr. Smith became a Marine, despite the fact that, prior to joining up, he had never heard of the Marine Corps and had to ask what it was. Once he found out, he never wavered in his dedication to the Corps, and during a 46-year career, he went on to become one of the greatest fighting generals in U.S. military history.

Though General Smith lived out his final years in California after his retirement in 1946, he returned to API shortly after the war to receive an honorary doctorate. Upon his death in 1967, he left Auburn a \$100,000 bequest and many of his papers and personal effects, which now may be found in the university archives. In an editorial eulogizing the general, the *San Diego Union* summed up his career thus: "He was tough, a disciplinarian, brilliant, gifted with vision and, as his nickname of 'Howling Mad' indicates, he had a low tolerance level for fools. At the peak of his career, General Smith was without peer in his profession—a profession in which every man is outstanding."

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AU Engineering Students Hope Their Solar Car Has Day in Sun

By Robyn Hearn '83

A team of Auburn engineering students and faculty members are building a solar-powered car that will compete next summer against 31 other sun-driven vehicles in an 1,800-mile race. Sponsored by General Motors (GM), 32 university teams will race from Lake Buena Vista, Fla., to Warren, Mich., over the course of nine days in July 1990.

"Designing and building the university's solar-powered car, the Sol of Auburn, will give our students a valuable learning experience in project management," said Sushil Bhavnani, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering and the faculty advisor for the project.

"We've learned what we couldn't possibly learn from textbooks," said Doug Sampson of San Diego, Calif., one of the students on the Sol of Auburn team.

GM President Robert Stempel said the upcoming GM SUNRAYCE USA is designed to give students a chance to test their engineering skills, to stimulate interest in technical fields, and to increase public awareness of solar power.

The effort to build Auburn's solar-powered car began last December as a senior class mechanical engineering project by Doug and Mark Thornell of Salt Lake City, Utah, who are both in the Navy ROTC. Doug, the project coordinator, said the team later put together a winning proposal to GM to compete in the race. GM provided a \$5,000 stipend to help pay for components of the car, while the U.S. Department of Energy contributed another \$2,000. Auburn's team is seeking further contributions of money or parts to complete the sun-powered vehicle.

"It is very unusual for students to get funding for such a project," Dr. Bhavnani noted. "The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, the University of Michigan, and many other major universities were also chosen by GM, so we are in good company." Auburn will be the only Southeastern Conference university represented in the race.

Mark, the fabrication director, said team members are presently assembling the car's frame and suspension system. By the end of May, they were planning to roll the vehicle out of its assembly area to test its steering and suspension. Fabrication of the Sol of Auburn should be completed in December, he said. Approximately 15 Auburn students, mostly mechanical engineering juniors and seniors, and seven engineering faculty members are involved in the project.

"We get to learn stuff we wouldn't have seen in our curriculum without the challenge of working on the car. It's nothing I've ever seen before," said Greg Downes, a senior from Montgomery who plans to be a materials engineer.

"Technological innovations in such things as aerodynamic design and driver

position may result from the projects at Auburn and the other universities," Mark said.

When completed, the one-passenger car will be teardrop-shaped and highly streamlined, Doug said. Solar cells will be mounted on the car's surface in a pattern that will maximize the amount of sunlight striking the cells without hampering the vehicle's aerodynamics. The vehicle will weigh around 500 pounds. Solar cells are small, thin squares made of silicon or other materials that absorb the sun's radiation and converts it into electricity, Dr. Bhavnani said. The electricity is used to charge batteries which power the car.

Next summer, Auburn and its 31 competitors will start the solar car race at Disney World in Lake Buena Vista. They will travel along secondary and county roads through Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, passing near the capitals of all seven states. The race will conclude at GM's Technical Center in Warren. The racers will compete against the clock as they travel approximately 250 miles a day within allocated periods of time. They must obey speed limits and other traffic laws.

The top three competitors, chosen on the basis of performance in the race and quality of car design, will be sponsored by GM to participate in the 1990 World Solar Challenge race in Australia, which is scheduled for November of that year.

"Competing in and hopefully winning the GM SUNRAYCE USA will provide a lot of positive publicity for the university and College of Engineering," Dr. Bhavnani said. "This will help us greatly in attracting top students."

In addition to Dr. Bhavnani, other mechanical engineering faculty members involved in the project are Royce Beckett, Bor Jang, Jeff Suhling, and Gloria Weins. Stephen Hung and Doug Hopkins of the Department of Electrical Engineering are also on the team.

U.S. Consumers May Soon Find Tilapia on Their Tables

By Roy Roberson

It has been called everything from African perch to cherry snapper, but regardless of the moniker, tilapia, the miracle food fish of numerous Third World countries, is rapidly making a name for itself in the U.S.

"Tilapia is one of the few miracle foods that actually tastes good," says Auburn fisheries researcher Douglas Tave. A chance discovery by Dr. Tave, and subsequent genetics work in the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, could help tilapia become a popular food fish for American consumers and an ideal companion fish to farm-raised catfish for Alabama fish farmers.

Dr. Tave views tilapia as an ideal fish for commercial production. It tolerates low water oxygen, is resistant to many diseases, and has an excellent growth rate. In 200 days, it can grow from a three-

or four-inch-long fingerling to nearly a pound, yet it can't survive water temperature beyond the mid-50 degree mark. Therefore, Dr. Tave says, escapes can't create biological problems in natural waterways.

Though few people in the U.S. have tasted tilapia, those who have usually can't wait to sample it again. Whether smoked, broiled, or fried, the light-textured, mild-flavored tilapia has become a favorite source of low-cost protein among people in many underdeveloped countries in the world. In some areas where bright-skinned marine fish are sold, however, tilapia is not so marketable because of the black pigmentation of the skin.

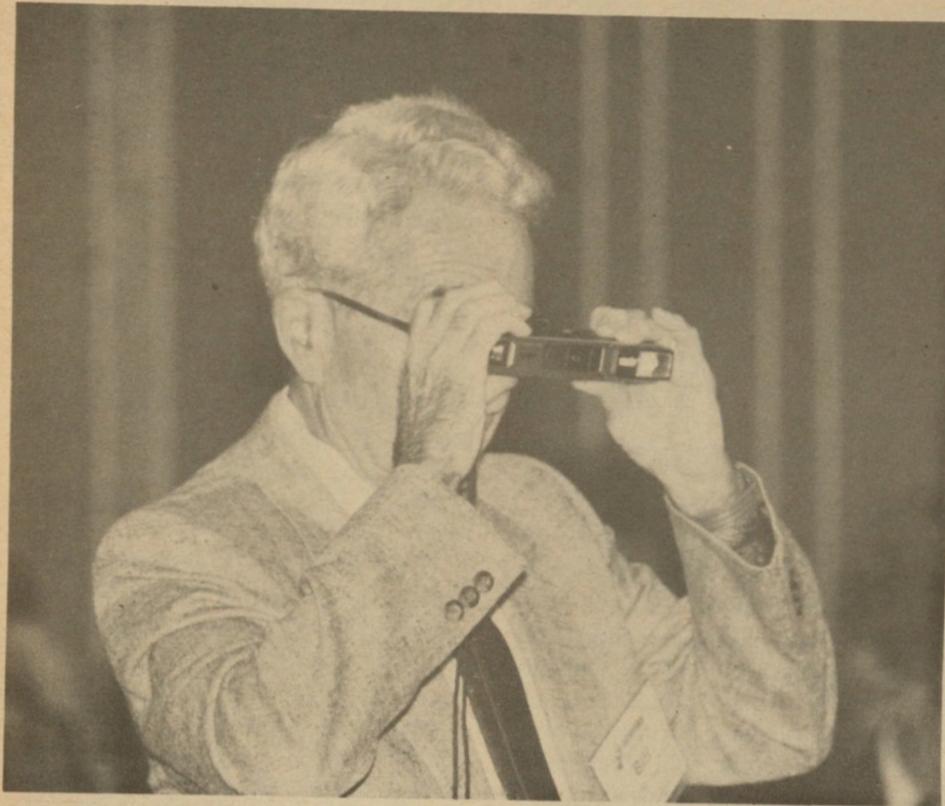
In the 1970s, a mutant strain of pure red tilapia was found in Taiwan, Dr. Tave reported, but hybridization with other strains of fish quickly obliterated this pure strain. In subsequent years, fisheries biologists around the world have tried to find pure breeding, bright-skinned tilapia. By accident, Dr. Tave noticed some strangely colored, but familiar shaped fish in the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago during a trip there in 1986. After some inquiry, he found that these were mutant gold tilapia. He has since discovered that these tilapia are true-breeding, thus gold males and gold females produce only gold offspring.

"We now have a bright-skinned tilapia, but we must determine what production differences exist between this fish and the black tilapia grown throughout the world," Dr. Tave noted. "Once we determine the growth rate, disease resistance, etc., of the gold tilapia, we can offer stock to growers and provide them with reliable information on how this fish reacts to different growing conditions."

Fish farmers in Alabama are already growing and marketing black tilapia on a limited basis. In Florida, more than five million pounds are grown annually. One company in Idaho has hired Auburn-trained fisheries biologists to help implement its plan to grow 40 million pounds of tilapia annually, according to Dr. Tave. These fish would be grown in geothermally warmed water, with virtually no possibility of escapees surviving in icy winter waters.

In Alabama, several farms are raising tilapia fingerlings, with the more common blacks selling for five to ten cents each and the golds selling for up to 25 cents each. Because of their distinctive color, many of the gold-colored fish may be sold for use in aquariums. Others may be sold for baitfish. In one test at Auburn, Dr. Tave found that largemouth bass ate 96 percent of the gold fingerlings and only five percent of the black ones. "The gold tilapia stood out like miniature neon signs, making them ideal baitfish," Dr. Tave said.

Despite the alternative marketing opportunities for tilapia, the vast majority of these farm-raised fish will undoubtedly be enjoyed on the table, rather than on a hook or in an aquarium. "I thought black tilapia had white flesh until I saw the flesh of these gold tilapia," Dr. Tave noted. "These fish have bright, milk-colored meat that is noticeably whiter than the meat of black tilapia, and therefore, more marketable."



CAPTURING THE MOMENT—Bill Plage spent much of Reunion '89 weekend camera in hand, taking pictures of his wife, Kay Hall Plage '44, and numerous new and old acquaintances.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



PARTY ANIMALS—Former alumni executive director Joe B. Sarver '37 and his wife, Molly Brasfield Sarver '38, were on hand for a dinner celebrating the official dedication of the new Auburn Alumni Center.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



REMEMBER WHEN—Ken Brown '49, his wife, Virginia, and Jimmy Duke '49, left to right, talk over old times during the Reunion '89 welcoming reception.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



ALL SMILES—Garry P. Bledsoe '69 and his wife, Beth, were all smiles after meeting a number of classmates for the first time during their trip to campus for Reunion '89.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



WATCH CAREFULLY—Dr. Roy Ledbetter '54 and his wife, Carol, keep a close eye on things during the Reunion '89 farewell luncheon.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



OLD AND NEW—Edwin D. Logan '49 and Plainsman Marc Lintz discuss changes on campus during the welcoming reception for participants in Reunion '89.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Celebrating the Past...



TIME TRAVELER—Robert Donaldson '52 looks over displays of class nostalgia while waiting on his wife, Anne Brooks Donaldson '44, during Reunion '89 registration.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



CHOWING DOWN—No reunion celebration would be complete without plenty to eat, and the welcoming barbecue buffet at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center got Reunion '89 participants off to a good start.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



COMPARING NOTES—Former alumni board members Peter Kenyon '60, left, and Albert Thompson '42 compare notes during a dinner honoring past and present members of the board. The dinner was part of a week of activities surrounding the official dedication of the new Auburn Alumni Center.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



CATCHING UP—Current and former members of the Alumni Association Board gathered on campus recently for dedication activities surrounding the official opening of the new Auburn Alumni Center. Former board member Buddy Edwards '59, left, and current member Earl Parsons '60 were among those catching up on the latest news during a dinner honoring the board.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



"IRISH" WAR EAGLES—Bob Patillo '49 and his wife Sandy made it to Reunion '89 all the way from South Bend, Ind., where Bob admits to being a fan of Notre Dame. He still said the Tigers are number one in his heart, however.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



MEMORY LANE—William N. Chandler '49, Barbara Chandler, Steve W. Blackburn '49, and Doris Blackburn, left to right, found time to get reacquainted during the class dinners at Reunion '89.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

as Well as the Future

Alumnalities



CLASS OF 1944—Gathering on campus A-Day weekend for their 45th reunion were these members of the Class of 1944. Seated, left to right, are: Johnnie H. Vanderford, Elizabeth J. Stewart, Kay Hall Plage, Emma Jean V. Nordan, and Anne Brooks Donaldson. Standing: W. Erskine Vanderford, Pete Turnham, Miriam V. Tucker, Bill W. Nordan, R. Henry Shine, and William A. Ham.

—Photo by Village Photographers

1938

Dwain G. Luce of Mobile has been reappointed to the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees by Gov. Guy Hunt. He has served on the board since its inception in 1968.

1940-1943

John G. Rea '40 and his wife, **Pauline Sheperd** '65, live in Geneva. John is a retired county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, and Pauline is a retired teacher for the Geneva City Schools.

John L. Downing '42 is retired from the Air Force and is living in Brewton with his wife, Hermine.

T.R. Benning '42 of Atlanta has been elected president of the American Institute of Constructors. He is president and owner of Benning Construction Co.

Billie U. Flynn '43, DVM, practices in Canton, Miss., where he lives with his wife, **Charlie Nixon** '44.

James A. Lee '43 is retired from the Postal Service and lives in Louisville.

1946-1947

James L. Goyer '46 is chairman of the board for Collier Cobb & Associates in Montgomery.

Kenneth John Barr '47 works for Cyprus Minerals Co. in Englewood, Colo.

Charles Hearn '47 of Knoxville, Tenn., has retired as court officer for Knox County. He and his wife, Katie, have three children and two grandchildren.

1950-1954

James F. Smith, Jr. '50 is president and chief executive officer of Collier Cobb & Associates in Montgomery.

John L. Dale, Jr. '50 raises cattle in Oak Hill, where he lives with his wife, Olivia.

Homer Williams, Jr. '52 works for the USDA. He lives in Greensboro with his wife, **Mary Anna Fowler** '54, who works with the Department of Human Resources.

Maj. Gen. **Cecil W. Greene** '54 is Chief of Staff with the Alabama Air National Guard. He and his wife, Lucille, have two children, Brenda and Becky, and live in Birmingham.

1955-1959

W.F. McPherson, Jr. '55 is founder and president of McPherson-Ayers Manufacturing Corp. in Hazlehurst, Ga., and Southern Dialectic Fabricators, Inc., in Vidalia, Ga. He lives in Waycross, Ga.

Samuel B. Jones, Jr. '55, a University of Georgia botany professor, has received the National Council of State Garden Clubs' Silver Seal Award for his life-long work with plants. He and his wife, Carleen, own Piccadilly Farm, a perennial nursery near Watkinsville, Ga. They live in Bishop, Ga.

Claude F. Kersh, Jr. '57 is president of Kersh & Associates, Inc., an employment counseling firm in Mobile. He and his wife, Elsie, live in Bay Minette.

Douglas M. Harding '57 of New York City works for Tap Air Portugal.

Kenneth W. Jones '57 recently received a NASA Exceptional Service Medal for his role in the successful flight of the Space Shuttle Discovery last September. He is chief engineer for the Advanced Solid Rocket Motor Project at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Madison.

Milton T. Herrin '58 recently received one of 225 NASA Exceptional Service Medals for his role in the successful flight of the Space Shuttle Discovery last September. He works as an engineer in the Marshall Space Flight Center's Systems Analysis and Integration Laboratory and lives in Decatur with his wife, Sylvia.

James W. Thomas, Jr. '58 is now marketing manager of ICI-Fiberite, Ablative and Composite Materials' Huntsville office

after 28 years with the Marshall Space Flight Center. He and his wife, Pat, have a daughter, Christy.

Billy Adair '58 of Prattville has been elected vice president of the Central Alabama Electric Cooperative.

Henry A. Long, Jr. '58, senior vice president of properties administration at AmSouth Bank in Birmingham, has been elected president of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for 1989. He and his wife, Shannon, live in Birmingham.

Frank A. Venable '58 made a four-day climb to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, in February 1988 as part of a three-week hiking safari. Frank and an Auburn t-shirt he carried braved a wind chill of 20 degrees below zero to reach the 19,000-foot elevation. He is president of Financial Planning for Corporations & Estates, Inc., in Columbus, Ga., where he and his wife live.

William M. Campbell, '59, DMD, practices in Dunedin, Fla.

Betty Crawford Torbert '59 teaches in Hurtsboro, where she and her husband, Roy, live.

1960

Wallace S. Ledbetter, Jr., owns Security and Investigations Co. in Houston. He and his wife, Jean, live in Galena Park, Tex.

Jimmy R. Reeves is vice president and general manager for Reeves and Wagner in Woodstock, Ga., where he and his wife, Sandra, live.

Clyde H. Wood has been elected chairman of the board of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce for 1989. He works for Alabama Power as vice president of the Southern Division and lives in Montgomery with his wife, Carolyn.

1961

Steve McCutcheon and **Henry Blizard** '62 are chairman and vice chairman,

respectively, of SCM Portfolio Fund, a no-load mutual fund based in Carrollton, Ga., where Steve and his wife, **Cynthia Browning**, live. Henry and his wife, Lelia, live in Athens.

Thomas Powe, DVM, an associate professor of Large Animal Surgery and Medicine at Auburn, recently received the Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, as selected by the student body. He and his wife, **Linda Albritton** '59, live in Auburn.

Jack Boykin recently received Huntingdon College's annual Gold Hawk Award for his business endeavors. An industrial chemist and president of Wesley Industries in Montrose, he is building water treatment plants in the People's Republic of China. He and his wife, Lois, live in Montrose and have two children, Allen and Lisa.

James D. Shirley works for Container Corp. of America in Brewton, where he and his wife, **Nancy Turner** '65, live.

Carol A. Waggoner works in special education at Rowland School in Stone Mountain, Ga. She and her husband, Thomas, live in Tucker, Ga.

J. David Irwin, head of Auburn's Electrical Engineering Department, recently began a two-year term as president of the Education Activities Board of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

1962

Jesse Russell works as a pharmacist for Big B Drugs in Birmingham.

Col. Milton L. Howell, Jr., is director of engineering, housing, and logistics for the Army at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where he and his wife, Patricia, live.

James R. Garnett is engineering manager for Martin Marietta in New Orleans. He and his wife, Linda, live in Slidell, La.

Wade G. Shores, accounts manager for American Cyanamid's Fibers Division, won his third Golden Oval Award for outstanding sales performance in 1988. He and his wife, Joyce, and their daughter live in Charlotte, N.C.

Elmer B. Harris, formerly senior vice president at Georgia Power, has been named president of Alabama Power and has been elected to its board of directors. He and his wife, **Glenda Steele** '61, live in Birmingham.

1963

Joel Swint is an agent for the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, where he and his wife, Louise, live.

1964

George Burgess is a regional manager for TVA in Nashville. He and his wife, Betty, live in Franklin, Tenn.

James R. Martin is general manager of residence marketing for South Central Bell in New Orleans, La. He and his wife, Betty, have two children: **Jeff** '86 and **Julie** '88.

James E. Lockridge is an airline captain for Hawaiian Air in Honolulu, Hi.

James Dumas is engineering manager for Trinity Marine Group in Gulfport, Miss., and lives with his wife, Patti, in Mobile.

Ronnie J. Wynn is president of Colonial Mortgage Co. in Montgomery and president-elect of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

William Kenneth Haynes is an engineer for Ampex Corp. in Opelika, where his wife, **Starla Owens**, teaches fourth grade at Morris Avenue School. They have two children, Ken, 21, a junior at Auburn, and Shannon, 17.

1965

Donald Chambless is a professor of

math at AUM. He recently spoke at the International Symposium on Environmental Problems in Santiago, Chile.

Capt. **Robert P. McClendon, Jr.**, is commanding officer of the Naval Recruit Training Command in San Diego. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Leucadia, Calif., with their daughters, Michelle and Shannon.

1966

Charles W. Dowdy of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is president of Southeastern Excavators, Inc., in La Vergne, Tenn.

Harry M. McMillan has joined Central Bank of the South as vice president of government and industrial affairs in Montgomery.

James Lenoir is president of Demopolis Hickory Mill, Inc., and lives in Birmingham.

I. Darnell Self is a foundry engineer for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Birmingham, where he and his wife, Sharon, live.

Lt. Col. **Paul Lowery** has retired from the Marine Corps and is an aviator for American Family Corp. His wife, **Patricia Gwin**, is an administrator at Community Christian School in Havelock, N.C., where they live.

W. Brent Camp has been elected president and chief operating officer of V.M.S., a Montgomery manufacturer of livestock and poultry feed.

MARRIED: Sherry Russell to James W. Hufham '64. They live in Dunwoody, Ga.

1967

Merrily Burgos, president of B&B Builders of Montgomery, has been named president of the Greater Montgomery Home-builders Association.

William Terry Vaughan is a social worker with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in Orlando, Fla. He and his wife, Marion, live in Winter Park, Fla.

J. Robert Heath is an associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., where he and his wife, Brenda, live.

George H. Foshee has been appointed district sales manager in Detroit for the USS Division of USX Corp. He and his wife, Jean, have two children.

1968

Frank L. Metts is project manager for Rentenbach Constructors, Inc., in Greensboro, N.C. He lives in Jamestown, N.C., with his wife, Paula.

Sidney M. Chandler of Auburn is a pharmacist at Chandler Drug Co. in Tuskegee.

1969

James Bryant Wynn is assistant vice president at Employers Reinsurance Corp. in Atlanta.

Thomas E. Tillman of Montgomery is project manager for Barganier McKee Sims



GOLDEN EAGLE PRESENTATION—Laurrie A. McCranie '16, right, of Lakeland, Fla., recently received his Golden Eagle pin and certificate from Wayne Fowler '63, a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from Tampa. Golden Eagles are graduates of more than 50 years. The Class of 1939 will be inducted into the Golden Eagles at Homecoming, the weekend of October 27-28. Mr. McCranie received his pin at the home of Bill '71 and Nancy Barkuloo Futch '70.

Architects Associated. He is formerly Auburn University's architect.

Cmdr. **Kenneth R. Zimmerman** is commanding officer for Attack Squadron 155 at Whidbey Island NAS, Wash.

James Franklin Roe, Jr., is senior vice president for Highland Industries, Inc., in Greensboro, N.C.

Daniel Ford, Ph.D., is dean of the School of Liberal and Performing Arts at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Ark.

1970

John N. Schultz of Alpharetta, Ga., is vice president for technical services at Frosty Acres Foods in Norcross, Ga.

Will Hill Tankersley, president of Sterne Agee & Leach, Inc., is vice chairman of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald Alan Nelson is a sales representative for Crouse-Hinds ECM. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Mary Margaret Stewart** '71, a high school teacher.

John S. Lovejoy, Jr., is a trust officer for First State Bank & Trust Co. in Albany, Ga. He lives in Doerun, Ga., with his wife, **Alice Chappell**, a high school teacher in Sylvester, Ga.

BORN: A daughter, Arin LeAnn, to Mr. and Mrs. **A. Byrd Vanlandingham** of New Tazewell, Tenn., on March 1. She joins sisters Amy, 8, and Amanda, 5.

1971

Jean M. Sparks is financial sales manager for Central Bank in Opelika.

Edith Bristow Holland teaches kindergarten in Rosedale, Miss., where she lives with her husband, Roger, and their two daughters.

Horst Klein is president of Engineered Fabrication, Inc., in Watkinsville, Ga.

1972

J. Huey Ford, III, DVM, practices at Gainesville (Ga.) Veterinary Hospital. He and his wife, Sandie, raise cattle at Heaven's Gate Limousin Farm in Murrayville, Ga. They have four children: Christopher, 16; John, 9; David, 6; and Jennifer, 4.

Jorge Alberto Subirats is a realtor in Mobile. He and his wife have three children: Lindsey, Michael, and Laura.

Roger Putnam of Opelika has been elected assistant vice president of technical



CLASS OF 1949—The Class of 1949 members present for their 40th reunion on April 28-29 included, left to right, **Row 1** (seated in front): Richard D. Adams, Buck Marsh, and Robert B. Adams. **Row 2** (seated): DeLomb Cumbaa, Jr., C. Reynolds Kernal, Edwin D. Logan, Myron D. Lowell, Thomas A. Sims, Jr., Joseph A. Bagley, William A. Crozier, and Luther Doty. **Row 3**: William Haas, Virginia Holcombe Haas, Robert N. Pattillo, Graham McLeod, Carolyn Ellis Lipscomb, Phyllis Stough Heybach, T. Ronald Butler, and James W. Duke. **Row 4**: Reginald C. Britt, Thurman F. Jones, Stephen W. Blackburn, William A. Weed, Jr., William W. Murphy, Jr., and Raymond Werden, Jr. **Row 5**: Hazel Millery Sweeney, Virginia B. Belcher, Anna Jean Higgins, Anne Coulter Griggs, John Mangels, Jr., and John Morrow. **Row 6**: George R. Dunlap, Jr., Rebecca B. Naftel, Robert D. Raffield, Raymond T. Roser, Donald R. Boysen, Owen S. Posey, Charles Lowman, and Kenneth H. Brown. **Row 7**: Elton Ray Bailey, Grady Norrell, Billy Land, Catesby ap C. Jones, Paul N. Fiquette, Jr., Lewis Johnson, Fred H. Carley, Bert French, and James S. Dickinson. **Row 8**: E. Glenn Evans, Marvin C. Dobbs, Miriam Oliver, Gordon B. Kinsey, James M. Hearn, Jr., John A. Francis, and John W. Sublett. **Row 9**: Jack Simms, McAdory (Mac) Lipscomb, James H. Johnson, Martin L. Beck, Jr., Monroe Oliver, James W. Richardson, Y.S. (Steve) Hogg, Jr., and Norman R. McAnnally. **Row 10**: Edgar B. Thompson, Warren Craven, W. Jack Mullins, Curtis M. Eiland, Charles W. Hightower, Willie Rucker, Jr., and Robert B. Crumpton. **Row 11**: Ralph A. Killgore, Charles A. Mayton, Jr., John R. Carden, Frank B. Mayers, John D. West, and Watt A. (Dub) Ellis. **Back Row**: John B. Conner, Elmer C. Hill, William H. Cole, John S. Allen, Joseph C. Gober, and H. Walter Rehling.

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1978

Andy D. McDaniel of Robertsdale is the president and CEO of Paragon Investment Corp.

Allen L. Ryan is a high school teacher for the American International School in London, England.

Sherry Nunn Manley is a library/media specialist for Boaz High. She and her husband, Richard, live in Guntersville.

Lt. Cmdr. **Steven S. Anderson** has been assigned to the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he lives with his wife, Cindy, and their children, Elizabeth, Katie, and Ben.

Tim Barton of Birmingham has been named business manager of *Southern Living*, *Southern Accents* and *Travel South* magazines.

John F. Coll of Houston, Tex., is a professional hospital specialist for Abbott Laboratories.

BORN: A daughter, Alexandra Baker, to Mr. and Mrs. **James E. Patterson (Sheryl Alexander '80)** of Alexandria, Va., on Mar. 21.

A son, Hunter Edwin, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary E. Baldwin (**Roslyn Reins**) of Atlanta on Aug. 27, 1988. Roslyn flies with Delta Air Lines.

A daughter, Allison Paige, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark T. Smith (Ruth McDurmont)** of Tuscaloosa on Mar. 17. She joins sister Ashley, 2. Mark is an assistant manager for Dixie Dairy Products, and Ruth is a medical technologist for DCH Medical Center.

1979

Scott Tiedt is an account manager with BellSouth Government Systems in Atlanta. He has been elected for the second time to the President's Council for his outstanding performance during 1988.

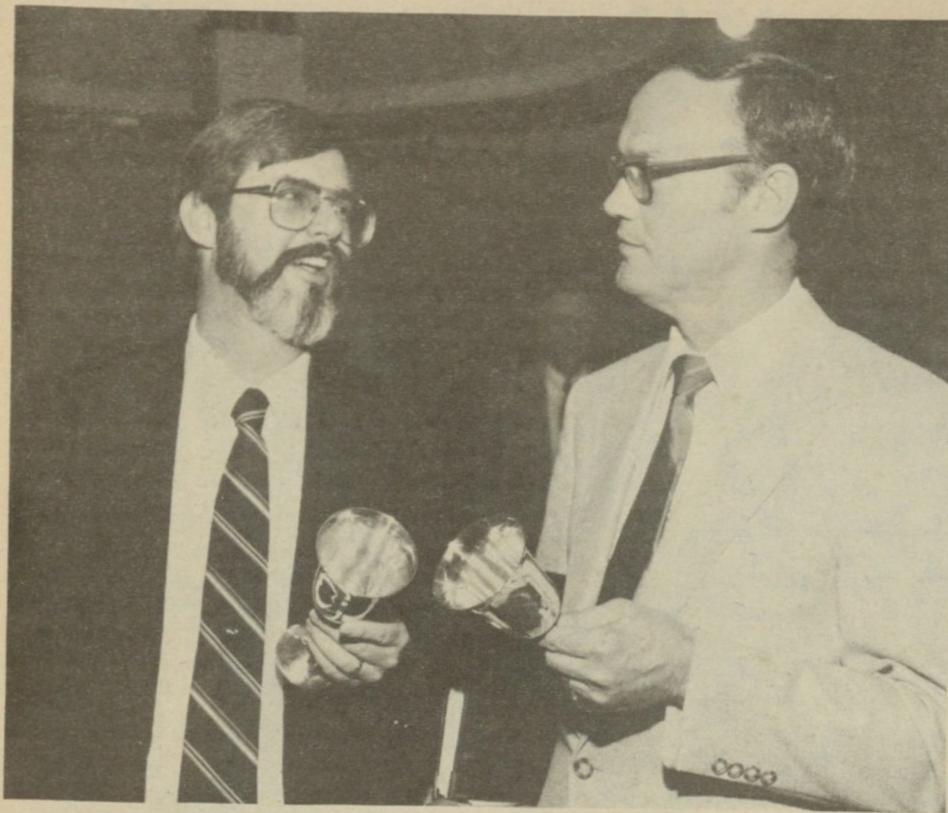
Gary A. Mangus has been promoted to senior project manager for Norment Industries, Inc., in Montgomery.

Bill Slade works for Carroll Air Systems. He and his wife, **Providence Spina '83**, live in Tampa, Fla.

Ralph S. Foster, Jr. is project associate in Auburn's vice president for extension's office. He lives in Montgomery.

Scott Gribbin is district manager of the Ashland Chemical Co. in Columbia, S.C., where he and his wife, Paula, live.

Kathy Greene Knox is a learning disabilities teacher in LaFayette. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Lanett.



THE "WRITE" STUFF—Auburn recently honored 21 faculty members for authoring books in the past year. Inspecting goblets presented in recognition of the occasion are Management Associate Professor Roger S. Wolters, left, and William Holley, Lowder Professor of Management, co-authors of *Labor Relations: An Experimental and Case Approach*.

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services with Alabama Gas Corp. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Emily.

D. Campbell Kyle is a pharmacist and manager at Harco Apothecary in Andalusia, where he and his wife, Candy, live.

Cathie Hightower Wynn and her husband, Jim, own Lea Chemical in Altamonte Springs, Fla. They have two daughters, Christina, 13, and Andrea, 4.

1973

Janice Boyd Neal is an attorney with Davis & Neal in Montgomery.

Jimmy Miller is principal structural engineer for Fluor Daniel in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Travelers Rest, S.C.

Pamela Ann Harrison works as a hospital pharmacist at the Medical College of Georgia and lives in Augusta, Ga.

Wendell H. Duke was recently elected a partner of Hendon Engineering Associates, Inc., in Birmingham. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Gardendale and have two daughters, Allison, 13, and Laura, 10.

1974

Scott T. Baker of Birmingham has been promoted to manager of projects for the Energy Group of Rust International Corp.

Mark A. Pass, a pilot for Delta Air Lines, has been promoted to captain. He and his wife, **Deborah Smith**, an aerobics instructor, live in Newnan, Ga., with their three children: Matthew, 11; Seth, 8; and Cameron, 2.

Catherine T. Pace, a senior account manager for Sankey 2 South, Inc., in Gulf Shores, has earned accreditation from the National Public Relations Society.

BORN: A daughter, Stacy Rebecca, to Mr. and Mrs. **W. Candler Howell (Shelley Robison '77)** of Woodstock, Ga., on Mar. 1. She joins sister Kelly Lynn, 3. Candler is the director of finance for the Cherokee County Board of Education in Canton, Ga., and Shelley is a benefits analyst for Hazlehurst & Associates in Atlanta.

1975

C. Glenn Hudson of Chattanooga is assessor in the dosimetry accreditation program for the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He recently received the 1988 Gold Award from TVA for meritorious service.

director of Holy Name of Jesus Medical Center in Gadsden, where he lives with his wife, **Linda Pitts '82**, and their son, Kyle.

David Nathan Miller of Arton is an agent for Liberty National Life Insurance.

BORN: A daughter, Vanessa Kathryn, to Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Abreu (**Dee Davies**) of Birmingham on Dec. 19, 1988. She joins brother Robert, 4.

1976

Bobby J. Wilson is senior resident manager for General Electric in Burkville. He and his wife, Rita, live in Prattville.

Allen Ray Dillon, DVM, an associate professor of Small Animal Surgery and Medicine at Auburn, recently won the Beecham Research Award for his research on heartworm disease in dogs and cats. He and his wife, **Catherine Newton '75**, live in Auburn.

Maj. **Clifford R. Weldon** serves in the Army Ordnance Corps in Washington, D.C.

BORN: A daughter, Penelope Maxine (Penny) to Mr. and Mrs. **William G. Leonard (Sally Cooper)** of Atlanta on Feb. 24.

1977

Reinhart W. Reiss of Petersburg, Va., is a consultant for Technicraft Automation Group in Richmond, Va.

Karl E. Searcy, DVM, practices in St. Augustine, Fla.

Kay Caldwell Wilson of Samson is a teacher of mentally retarded for the Geneva County Board of Education.

Phillip A. Gentry is a coordinator of editorial services for the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He lives in Decatur with his wife, **Lynn Hensel**, who teaches kindergarten in Huntsville.

Charlyne Oten of Natchez, Miss., is a high school teacher for the Natchez-Adams schools.

Don Marzella of Birmingham has been appointed director of marketing for TriCare Rehabilitation Systems, Inc.

Pamela Bailey Shields is a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry. She lives in Kennesaw, Ga., with her husband, John, and their two children, Rusty, 3, and Robert, 1.

BORN: A son, Colin William, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Banaszak (**Ann Woodall**) on Oct. 14, 1988. Colin joins brother John Preston, 4. They live in Columbus, Ga., where Ann teaches at Spencer High.



CLASS OF 1954—April 28 and 29 marked the dates of reunion for 1954 graduates. Those who participated in the festive weekend on campus included, row 1, left to right: Joseph W. McGinley, Dorothy S. Uhlaut, George Uhlaut, Dot V. Rooks, Ruth Lockett, Joanne Lucci, Jeane M. Law, Mina Propst Kirley, Suzanne M. Dilthey, and J. Pat Sims. Row 2: Peggy D. Dean, Ruby W. Weaver, Sue W. Wells, Idaho O. Daughtry, Roy J. Ledbetter, Marion H. Roney, Cynthia Byrd Dunkin, E. Sewell Dunkin, Kenneth Guin, and William F. Williams. Row 3: Leon Dean, Richard Armstrong, Richard S. Rucks, James Daughtry, Jack Dresher, Jerry W. Miklic, Lou Ann S. Mitchell, James G. Mitchell, John F. Crocker, and Marie Prude Fancher. Row 4: Harry Dale, James Baskerville, Carl H. Peterson, William O. Harrison, Eugene Cox, Joseph A. Maxwell, Donald E. Merkel, Thomas Caine, George T. Beleos, and James Carroll.

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Capt. **Rhonda Williams Lustig** is a public affairs officer at Charleston AFB, S.C. She and her husband, Don, live in Summerville, S.C.

Darryl Erwin Brock is a registration systems analyst for Crop Chemicals in St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew Minor is a marketing support specialist and insurance coordinator for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Caroline Lynch** '80, have two children, William Howes, 3, and Thomas Lynch, 2.

Paula Hogg Robertson works for Alabama Power in Uniontown, where she and her husband, **Danny Robertson** '73, live.

MARRIED: Carol Ann Cloyd to **John McAlister Fee** on April 8. They live in Huntsville.

BORN: A daughter, Hannah Erin, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Russell (**Erin Michael**) of Atlanta on Dec. 7, 1988. She joins brother Collin, 4.

1980

David S. Heidler and his wife, **Jeanne Twiggs**, are assistant professors at Salisbury (Md.) State University.

Eric Davis and his wife, **Louise Bricken**, work for Longburn Steak, Inc., in Atlanta. They live in Acworth, Ga.

Luke Hallmark teaches math and coaches basketball at Demopolis High.

Charles McCartha, DMD, practices in Tallahassee. He lives in Friendship with his wife, **Ida Wilson**. They have two children, Katherine, 5, and Lauren, 2.

Gladys Yvonne Carlisle of Auburn teaches at Edward Bell School in Camphill.

Michelle Miller Plagenhoet practices at Cardiovascular Associates in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Jeffrey.

Richard Wadsworth Pray is a pharmacist and manager for Revco, Inc., in Pensacola, Fla.

Keith Franklin Hornbuckle works for the Army Missile Command in Huntsville.

Robin Gaines of Columbus, Ga., works at Hughston Sports Medicine Clinic.

Kim Kay Cassell of Chattanooga is a sales representative for Knoll Pharmaceutical.

MARRIED: **Elizabeth A. Heaton** to Charles W. Bridges in August 1988. They live in Alpharetta, Ga. She is a secretary for Southern Company Services, Inc., in Atlanta.

BORN: A daughter, Anne Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harris (**Capt. Luci Johnsen**) of Herndon, Va. Luci is stationed with the Defense Intelligence Agency at Bolling AFB. Anne joins sisters Charissa, 14, and Amanda, 11.

1981

C. David Wachs of Montgomery has been promoted to vice president of metal manufacturing at Norment Industries, Inc.

Terrence P. Connor is the managing editor for the *Dothan Eagle*. He and his wife, Roxanne, live in Enterprise with their son, Christopher, 4.

Joey Strickland is an assistant professor of military science with the Army ROTC at Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, La. He lives with his wife, Leila, in Denham Springs, La.

Beth Foreman Basham is a senior financial analyst for DuPont in Wilmington, Del. She and her husband, Brent, live in Newark, Del.

Hal M. Rains is the director of national accounts for Baxter Healthcare in McGaw Park, Ill. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Glenna L. Payne is an analyst for Colonial Pipeline Co. in Atlanta.

William Haase is a NASA engineer assigned to shuttle launch and recovery operations at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. He lives in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., with his wife, Jan, and son Jesse.

Susie Roberts O'Connell is a nurse anesthetist. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Columbus, Ga.

James A. Sinor, Jr. works as a corporate staff engineer with Jockey International, Inc.,



CLASS OF 1959—These happy participants in the recent 30th reunion of the Class of 1959 gathered for this photo A-Day weekend. Row 1, left to right, are: William R. Bassett, Betty Potter, Diana Dalton Mays, Mary Lynn M. Bryan, Joyce Ringer, Patricia D. Greathouse, Bettye B. Ballenger, Foye Ann H. Waldrip, Dorothy G. Bassett, and Chuck Hicks. Row 2: Tommy Waldrip, William Potter, Ewell (Hank) Elliott, Jr., W. Frank McDaniel, Harold C. Eason, Raymond M. (Mac) Sims, Kenneth Wayne Ringer, Thomas B. Culbreth, Lowell H. Hughen, and James O. Ballenger. Row 3: Bill Mayo, C. Bailey Williams, Claude L. Huey, Jay Blum, Hugh Williams, Hugh Mitchell, Roger Campbell, Olin Brooks, Charles F. Hrabe, Thomas L. Cameron, Bo Davidson, Tom Jones, and Beau Sisson.

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in Randleman, N.C. He and his wife, **Donna Allie**, live in Greensboro, N.C., with their two children, Wes and Will.

MARRIED: **Virginia White** to James Schafer on Mar. 25. Virginia teaches in Gwinnett County, Ga. They live in Duluth, Ga.

BORN: A son, Thomas Carson, to Mr. and Mrs. **Bryan Taliaferro (Diane Williams '82)** of Orlando, Fla., on Mar. 14.

A daughter, Emily Kathryn, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael D. Price (Beth Bancroft '82)** of Springfield, Va., on Dec. 21, 1988. Michael works for EDS as a senior contracts negotiator.

A daughter, Jane Catherine Elizabeth, to Capt. and Mrs. **Steven W. Dowling (Laura Ledbetter)** of Millington, Tenn., on Dec. 18, 1988. She joins a brother, Thomas, 2. Steven is a training officer for the Aviation Structural Mechanic Schools at Memphis NAS.

1982

Brian Keith Darr is a unit manager for Canal Wood Corp. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Tuscaloosa.

Peggy Margaret Nelson Ellis is a travel agent with Adventure Travels in Atlanta.

H. Alan Tubbs is a salesperson for Robert Orr/Sysco in Birmingham.

Mary Schuessler McCarty teaches math at Duran Junior High in Pell City.

Elizabeth Rachel Williams is a medical technologist at HCA Doctors Hospital in Tucker, Ga. Her husband, **James R. Williams, Jr.**, is senior production engineer at Rockwell International in Duluth, Ga.

Steve Waldrip of Minneapolis, Minn., is a project engineer for Northwest Airlines in St. Paul, Minn.

J. Dickson Brown graduated last year from Reformed Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He is now an Army chaplain at Ft. Hood, Tex. He and his wife, Patty, live in Harker Heights, Tex.

J. Douglas McCurry, Jr. is a project architect with Carlson Associates, Inc., in Smyrna, Ga.

Lyn Kirkland Rushton is an audiologist with Bruce T. Malenbaum, M.D., in Marietta, Ga. Her husband, **Ian Kendrick Rushton '81**, is a systems programmer for IBM in Atlanta.

Stacey Hader-Epstein has been named senior account executive for the public relations firm of Manning, Selvage & Lee in San Francisco, where she and her husband, David, live.

MARRIED: Amy Eulalie Sessions to Lt. **Edward Polk Hill, IV**, on April 22. They live in Pensacola, Fla.

Jo Beth McDaniel to Michael Shannon

Clark on April 22. She is a free-lance writer for several national publications. They live in Seal Beach, Calif.

Wendy Perkins to Jim Smith in December 1988. They live in Pensacola, Fla.

BORN: A son, Patrick Douglass, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert E. Sullivan (Victoria Douglass '80)** of Birmingham on Dec. 19, 1988.

A girl, Mallory Merritt, to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Davis (**Paula Ann Merritt**) on Nov. 13, 1988. They live in Overland Park, Kan.

A daughter, Kathleen Amanda, to Mr. and Mrs. **John Manning (Rhoda Green '83)** on March 6, 1988. They live in Warner Robins, Ga.

1983

David A. Lee lives in Huntsville with his wife, **Cathy Akin**. He is an optometrist with Winton & Sullins.

David W. Boldt is an architect with VOA. His wife, **Sharon Sumner '82**, is a teacher. They live in Orlando, Fla., and have a son, Jason, 2.

Jerome K. Jennings, DVM, practices at the Enterprise Animal Hospital.

Greg S. Kelley, DVM, practices at the Pinson Animal Hospital. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Renee McWaters '80**.

Gregory N. Parsons of Montgomery is an architect with Woodham & Sharpe Architects.

Monique Morton Quattlebaum of Fayetteville, N.C., is an account executive for WECT-TV in Wilmington, N.C.

MARRIED: Marian Murchison to **Fairfield Tucker Bain** on March 11. They live in Manhattan, Kan.

BORN: A daughter, Marlene Alicia, to Mr. and Mrs. **Anthony C. Smith '86 (Linda Owen)** of Huntsville on April 3. She joins sister Noel, 1.

1984

Ronda C. Beesley is an intake counselor with the Montgomery County Juvenile Court.

Laurie Mayo Kaczmarek is a mechanical engineer with GDP Corp. in Tampa, Fla.

Tim Eden works as an electrical engineer for the Jacksonville Electric Authority in Jacksonville, Fla., where he and his wife, **Amelia (Amy) Allison '85**, live.

Edmund Clau-Von Nelson lives in Upper St. Clair, Pa., with his wife Cynthia, and their two children, Edmund, II, and Andrea Charisse.

Walton H. Chancey has opened his own

1985

John W. Botter, III, of Mobile is a manager for Norwest Financial.

David L. Dollar is an accountant for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Atlanta.

James McDaniel Wright is a sales representative in Birmingham, where he and his wife, Karen, live.

Claudia Brooks D'Avanzo has been named senior account executive for the public relations firm of Manning, Selvage & Lee in Atlanta, where she and her husband, Michael, live.

Susan Janan Moore is an attorney with Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta.

Gregory Turner is a forester for Griffin Wood Co. in Marion and lives in Reform.

Gerald L. Miller is an applications engineer for Liquid Carbonic Corp. in Atlanta.

Penny Morris is a registered pharmacist for Eckerd's Drugs in Montgomery.

Angela Leigh Jackman is a liquid propulsion engineer for NASA at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

David Knecht is a construction manager for James McNaughton Builders in Hinsdale, Ill., where he and his wife, **Karen Moracco '86**, a group therapy leader in Naperville, Ill., live.

Bradley Henderson is an associate minister at Pell City First United Methodist Church.



CLASS OF 1964—These members of the Class of 1964 gathered on campus April 28 and 29 for their 25th reunion. Participating in the festivities, row 1, left to right, are: Robert E. Henson, Jane Ellen Cunningham, Tommie Ruth Blackwell, Robert E. Lowder, Lynn Isom, Carole Strain Griffith, Stella C. Ivie, and David A. Fegenbush. Row 2: Kaye Lovorn Adams, John G. Blackwell, Jerry F. Smith, Charles Heaton, Dianne Hodges, Mary B. Carson, Fran Greene, and James M. Jenkins, Jr. Row 3: Larry Harwood, Carl S. Gagliano, Douglas W. Phillips, J. Willard King, John Wait, Donald E. Arnett, Charles R. Moody, Darrel L. Chenoweth, Bob Logan, and Bob Hapner.

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James Michael Carter is chief appraiser for the Dallas County Tax Assessor's Office in Selma.

Chris Cushman of Olney, Md., is a consultant for Metro Business Forms in Gaithersburg, Md.

Polly Mays of Demopolis teaches kindergarten in Greensboro.

Ellie Craig McKissick is a teacher and coach at St. James School in Montgomery.

Steve Sahlman is a commercial lines account executive for Palomar Insurance Corp. in Montgomery.

Richard Donovan Johnson of Madison is a production engineer for Boeing Co. in Huntsville.

Ruth Crittenden is a project manager for R.J. Griffin & Co. in Atlanta and lives in Roswell, Ga.

Karen W. Bankemper is a veterinary bacteriologist at Texas A&M University in Amarillo, Tex.

K. Tinnon Tyree is a protocol officer for the supreme allied commander, Atlantic, in Norfolk, Va., and lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

MARRIED: **Elizabeth Perry** to **Daniel Edward Smith, III** '84. He is district supervising engineer for Alabama Gas Corp. in Birmingham.

Penny Dollar to Charles P. Huffman on Feb. 11 in Mobile, where she works for Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

Jean Hall '86 to **Darrell W. Hicks** on April 16, 1988. He is an engineer for RUST International in Birmingham. They live in Pelham.

1986

Lt. Robert Stanley Gregory is a Naval flight officer in Rota, Spain, where he lives with his wife, **Karen Prawd** '85, a medical graphics specialist for the U.S. government.

John Mark Hatcher is a civil engineer in Florence, where he lives with his wife, **Jacqueline Miller** '82, an assistant district attorney in Colbert County.

Rector Harmon Creel owns Creel Construction in Mobile.

Michael Gentry Davis is a department manager for Marriot Corp. in Montgomery.

Lt (jg). Perry D. Yaw has been designated a Naval aviator after receiving the "Wings of Gold."

Paul Panik, III, is a contract administrator

for Julian W. Jenkins Architect and Associates in Anniston. He lives in Glencoe with his wife, **Elizabeth A. Roper** '87.

James Neyman of Perdido Key, Fla., works for Merrill Lynch in Pensacola, Fla.

Michael Shane Moras teaches and coaches at Clarke Central High in Athens, Ga. He lives in Chattanooga with his wife, Barbara.

Tracy Anne Carlisle of Orange Beach is a lab technician at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

Mark Dennis Babb is a pharmacist at Big B, Inc., in Bessemer. He lives in Gordo with his wife, Tammy.

Gary Otha Johnson is a sales engineer at Johnson Controls in Jacksonville, Fla., where he lives with his wife, **Susan Saunders** '87, a systems analyst for Synergistic Systems in Neptune Beach, Fla.

William Valdon Smith, Jr., is an architect with Spangler & Manley Architects in Griffin, Ga.

Ann M. Allen of Acworth, Ga., is a benefits administrator for Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., in Atlanta.

Rebecca Bloodworth Courson is an accountant for Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta. She lives in Dunwoody, Ga., with her husband, **James L. Courson, IV**, '88, a research technician for Engineering & Inspection Systems in Roswell, Ga.

Andrew Michael Songer is a marketing representative for Commercial Union Insurance Co. in Birmingham.

Timothy Brooke Adams is a project manager and estimator at Dawson Construction Co., Inc., in Columbus, Ga., where he lives with his wife, April.

Robert Eugene Adams, Jr., of Union Springs has been reelected to the board of directors of the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives.

Douglas Edward Patton is pursuing his doctorate in chemistry at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

MARRIED: **Kaye Michelle Hutchins** to William Hughes on April 15. They live in Thomasville, N.C.

1987

Dara H. Askew, DVM, practices at Parkway Veterinary Hospital in Niceville, Fla.

Larry Young is an assistant engineer with Stegall Metal Industries in Birmingham.

at the Army Missile Command in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, Deborah.

Lisa Marie Faure is head of the women's cross-country track team at UAB.

Rhonda Xan Haynes of Jasper is a sales associate for Macy's in Hoover.

Kimberly Phillips Vaughn of Roswell, Ga., exports lumber for Central National Gottesman, Inc., in Atlanta.

Natalie Kathryn Nix is an assistant in the accounting department at the Atlanta Market Center.

Ens. Kenneth Douglas Pickens is in Naval flight training in Pensacola, Fla.

David B. Wiant is an account manager for Zeigler Bros. in Gardners, Pa.

Daniel Thomas Ford is an accountant for Deloitte, Haskins, & Sells in Mobile.

Kimberly Michelle Lawson of Springfield, Va., manages Limited Express International.

Charles Kelly Bronson is an assistant project manager and estimator for Ray Sumlin Construction Co. in Mobile.

Craig Julian Connally of Warner Robins, Ga., is an electronics engineer at Robins AFB.

Robert Derryl Hannah is an engineer and estimator for American Buildings Co. in Eufaula.

John Martin McKemy is a graduate research assistant in mycology at Auburn.

Lisa D. Rollins-Garcia, Ph.D., is a psychologist at TCU in Ft. Worth, Tex. She lives in Arlington, Tex., with her husband, **Manuel Garcia** '89, Ph.D.

Terry Joe Holder is a Vocational and Adult Education graduate research assistant at Auburn.

Michael Robert Lenga of Hoover is a civil estimator for Harbert International, Inc., in Birmingham.

Sean Patrick Fleming of Euless, Tex., is a leased technician for P.G. Cook and Associates.

Patrick Joseph Connor of Coral Springs, Fla., is an accountant at Fair Oaks Hospital in Delray Beach, Fla.

James Paul Hunter trades bonds for First Securities in Mobile.

Timothy Mark Carroll of Dunwoody, Ga., is a collector for Financial Collection Agencies in Atlanta.

Wallace Wayne Curles, Jr., is an electronics engineer at Naval Sea System Command in Washington, D.C. He lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, Kimberlyn.

Deborah L. Howard is a sales associate for Petite Sophisticate in Pensacola, Fla.

M. Leighanne Davis is an audiologist at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex.

Edward Clayton Colley is an associate engineer for Bell Helicopter Textron in Ft. Worth, Tex. He lives in Grand Prairie, Tex.

Donald Andrew Johnson of Jesup, Ga., is an assistant district forester for Georgia Pacific Corp. in Hortense, Ga.

John E. Hawkes is a project engineer for General Electric in Shelby, N.C., where he lives with his wife, Claudia.

Rebecca Sue Koester is a dietetic intern at University Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Segundino Ugade Foronda, Ph.D., is an instructor in the Management Department at Auburn. He and his wife, Cristeta, have four children: Dino, 11; Carl, 10; Randy, 6; and Allan, 4.

Michael Roy Davidson is a quality assurance engineer for Dexter Lock Co. in Auburn.

Kelly-Ann Moody Hathcock is a child caregiver in Vogelweh, West Germany, where she lives with her husband, **William Hathcock** '86.

Patrick James Mrachek of Pensacola, Fla., is a Naval pilot.

Souriphone Porter is a family service specialist for Lee County Head Start in Auburn. She lives in LaFayette with her husband, Paul, and their twin daughters, Susan and Elizabeth, 17.

Rhonda Leigh Crane is a designer and salesperson for Bowden Designs, Inc., in Columbus, Ga.

Keith Alan Thomas is an industrial engineer at Vanity Fair Mills in Robertsdale. He lives in Daphne with his wife, Evalen.

Ens. Paul Oliver Sims serves in the Navy.

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Gary Alan Hall is a mechanical engineer

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Susan Lyn Scroggins is a management assistant with Southern Bell in Atlanta.

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Deborah Dianne Armes, DVM, practices at the Atlantic East Animal Clinic in Atlantic Beach, Fla.

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Jeffrey Atwell is a junior engineer with Alabama Power in Mobile.

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Kimberley Ann Walley of Fairhope is a residential care worker for Mobile Mental Health Center.

Kenneth Randall Welch is an engineer with RUST International in Birmingham.

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Leslie Ann Hover is a graduate student at Auburn.

Leslie Anne Taylor of Brookline, Mass., is a pharmacist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Duane A. Coleman is an electronics engineer for the Department of Defense. He and his wife, Diane, live in Columbia, Md.

Mary Kathleen Spears is an engineer at Eglin AFB in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

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Aaron Craig Lippincott is a graduate student in electrical engineering. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Auburn.

Carla Wilson of Tuscumbia is a nurse at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence.

Amy Elizabeth Adams is a marketing assistant at Western in Atlanta.

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John Richard Price, III, of Carmel, Ind., is pursuing his law degree at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

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Jill M. Taylor is a nurse at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Randall Edward Duncan is a consultant for North Georgia Management in Cumming, Ga.

Russell Douglas Carreker is a manage-

ment associate for Columbus (Ga.) Bank and Trust.

Ens. John Bruce Walker, Jr. is stationed at Coronado NAB in San Diego, Calif.

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Robert Richard Porterfield is an engineer for General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, Tex.

James E. Mathews is a sales representative for Tull Metal Co. in Birmingham. He lives in Leeds with his wife, **Kimberley Key** '87.

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Kim Renee Burton is a youth specialist at Youth Alternatives in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Kenneth Vaughan Eldridge is an estimator for Caddell Construction Co. in Montgomery.

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Joel Patrick McKenzie is a procurement forester for Mid South Timber Co. in Forsyth, Ga. He lives in Yatesville, Ga., with his wife, **Tina Stovall** '87.

Cheryl Annette Bowman of Hillsboro teaches second grade in Decatur.

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Joseph William Hayes teaches science in LaGrange, Ga.

Paige Ann Maglin is an accountant for J.K. Boatwright in LaGrange, Ga.

Winston Clark Herren is an analyst for Keystone Laboratories in Decatur.

Ens. Frank A. Hamner is an electronics engineer on the USS Elliot, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

Tonya Patrice Hudgins of Auburn is a social worker at the Alabama Sheriffs Girls' Ranch in Camp Hill.

Pamela Burleson Jones is an audiologist at the Otologic Center in Chattanooga, where she lives with her husband, Gary.

Robert E. Shepherd is an electrical engineer for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville. He lives in Madison with his wife, Connie.

William Clark Culbreth of Montgomery is a management trainee at Poole Truck Line in Evergreen.

Stephen Eugene Strand is a production engineer at the Anniston Army Depot.

Kimberly Krutch Curington is a courier for Sessions, Co., Inc. She lives in Enterprise with her husband, Scott.

James Kendrick Atkinson, Jr. is head of security at T.J. Max in Birmingham. He lives in Homewood with his wife, **Patricia Jane Buote**, a substitute teacher.

Albert Clifton Bowen of Excel teaches and coaches at Monroe Academy in Monroeville.

Tracey Margaret Edge of Atlanta is a management trainee at Enterprise Leasing in Roswell, Ga.

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Mr. William D. Reuther '69

Mr. William Thompson Bagley '75



CLASS OF 1969—The 20th reunion of the Class of 1969 brought this happy group of Tigers to campus recently. Participants included, row 1, left to right: John T. Shapiro, Pamela S. Shapiro, Mary Breneman Matthews, Betty G. Dean, Carol Sicard Davis, Linda Oakberg, and Lee W. Burkett. Row 2: John A. Oakberg, Wayne M. Granade, Garry P. Bledsoe, Jim Matthews, and Ty Coppingier. Row 3: Wanda Mays, Richard S. Chambers, Rex Griffin, Fredrick McConnell, Howard Dunaway, and Wanda Richards Brown.

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Unusual Achievements



FLYING EAGLES—Not only do these six men have their Auburn heritage in common, they all also help defend our nation's air space as part of the Florida Air National Guard. Left to right, they are Capt. Jim Thompson '77, Lt. Col. E.R. (Buddy) Titshaw '70, Maj. Curtis Nolen '64, Capt. Lewis Harden '83, Col. Gene Quick '63, and Maj. Mike Cross '69.

War Eagles Flying Falcons in Fla. Air Nat'l Guard

For Gene Quick '63, life is somewhat Clark Kent-ish. The majority of his time he is the procurement manager of forest resources for Hercules, Inc., in Brunswick, Ga., but several times per month, he dons the olive green nomex flight suit of the Florida Air National Guard (FANG) and becomes Colonel Gene Quick, deputy commander for operations and alert pilot, flying the state-of-the-art F-16 Falcon.

Col. Quick, a Vietnam veteran with more than 200 combat missions in F-4s, is joined monthly by five other Auburn graduates in serving their country as an integral part of the nation's air defense from their Jacksonville, Fla., base. Col. Quick shares with Maj. Bruce Toma the distinction of being the first FANG F-16 pilots to intercept a Soviet Bear aircraft when they were scrambled to alert early one April morning. The Bear, a model F operating out of Cuba, was on anti-submarine maneuvers 350 miles off the coast of Georgia when intercepted by the FANG Falcons.

Col. Quick recalls, "When I pulled up on the wing, I saw two guys in the back of the aircraft behind a window at the end of the fuselage—one at the gunnery position and the other in some sort of an observation area. We waved at each other. Then one of them made a point of showing me the magazine he was reading, letting me know he was

pretty bored with all this and not terribly concerned."

After all concerned shot photos of each other, Col. Quick and Maj. Toma continued the escort until handing the Bear off to a pair of F-4Ds from Charleston, S.C. This form of "intercept and identify" is crucial to the air sovereignty of the U.S.

Also flying F-16s with the Florida Air National Guard are Lt. Col. E.R. (Buddy) Titshaw '70, commander of the 159th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and a pilot for Pan Am in his civilian job; Maj. Mike Cross '69; and Capt. Jim Thompson '77.

Capt. Thompson was recognized recently as a recipient of the Air Medal by the Air Force for exceptional skill and airmanship on dead sticking a flamed-out F-106 to a safe landing while on a cross-country flight. His flying expertise also garnered the Ricks Trophy, an Air Force award for excellence in flying.

Supporting the airborne War Eagles are Maj. Curtis Nolen '64, chief of supply, and Capt. Lewis Harden '83, deputy base engineer.

Monsanto Scientists Earn \$40,000 Each For Fiber Research

Randolph C. Blyth '47 and Paul E. Sikorski '53 recently won Monsanto Company's "Queen" Award, which is given to its top researchers and carries with it a gold medallion and \$40,000 each as prizes.

The two alumni were among four Monsanto scientists to win the award for their development of stain-resistant fibers to be used in the firm's Wear-Dated carpet. The award recognizes significant technical achievement leading to a major commercial success.

Mr. Blyth retired in 1985 as a senior specialist in the fibers division in Pensacola, Fla., after working for Monsanto since 1953. He is the co-inventor on four of five issued patents the company holds on stain-resistance technology.

Mr. Sikorski, who has worked with Monsanto since 1955, is the technology consultant in the Pensacola fibers division. In 1982 he began work on stain-resistant nylon fibers that led to the successful introduction of Wear-Dated carpet.

Thomas Joins Lockheed as Site Director

John Thomas '60, who headed Marshall Space Flight Center's redesign of the space shuttle booster after the *Challenger* disaster, recently joined Lockheed Space Operations Co. to become site director at Kennedy Space Center.

In Mr. Thomas' new position, he will be in charge of shuttle refurbishment and stacking operations for the company. He began his engineering career with

the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal in 1960, transferring to NASA in 1961. He helped develop Saturn rocket engines and Skylab. In 1974 he joined the Spacelab shuttle program, for which he was appointed chief engineer in 1976 and manager in 1980.

Bunes Honored By Eng. Society

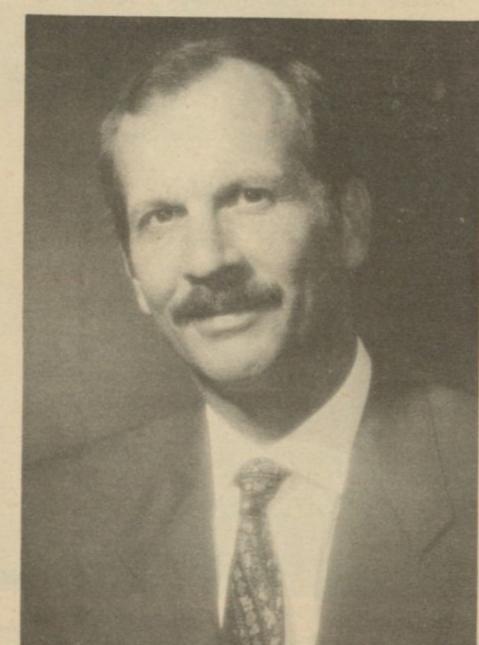
The Piedmont chapter of the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers recently chose Jan Bunes '61 as their Engineer of the Year. He is president of MBTB Architects Engineers, Inc., in Greenville, S.C.

A practicing structural engineer, Mr. Bunes is a founding partner of his firm. Prior to his present position, he worked at Piedmont Engineers and Architects in Greenville and Eastern Engineering in Atlanta. He also has filled, at one time or another, all the offices of the engineering society's Piedmont chapter.

Reeder Leading New Orleans Dental Assoc.

O. William Reeder, Jr., '68 recently was installed as president of the 650-member New Orleans Dental Association. He runs a private practice in Metairie, La., and has taught at Louisiana State University and the University of Alabama.

He has served as a dental officer in the Air Force and did his residency at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. A veteran of numerous offices and committees within the Dental Association, he has lectured before a number of dental groups and is co-author of papers published in the *Journal of Dental Research*, *Archives of Oral Biology*, and the *Alabama Journal of Medical Sciences*.



O. William Reeder, Jr., '68

Mitchem Selected Albertville's Citizen of Year

Jill Tate Mitchem '66 was chosen 1988 Albertville Citizen of the Year recently. The wife of three-term State Senator Hinton Mitchem, she has been quite active in political and community service, including serving as a voting delegate at the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

She has been active in the Boy and Girl Scouts and PTA and was a two-term president of the Snead State Junior College Alumni Association. She is chairman of the area March of Dimes, for which she's been a volunteer for 19 years. She is an American Red Cross volunteer; a member of the Albertville High Athletic Booster Club, Green Lawn Garden Club, and Marshall County Cooperative Library Board; and past president of the Progressive Homemakers Club of Albertville.

Mrs. Mitchem also has served as president of the Marshall County Association of Retarded Citizens and as a legislative representative for Auburn in the Marshall County area. In 1974 she was founding president of the U.S. Jaycee Women, and nine years later, she helped in the transition of the group to the Jaycees. She has been involved in the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Alabama Legislative Club, the Alabama Citizens Advisory Board on Drug Abuse, and the Board of the Alabama Commission on Physical Fitness for Special Olympics.

Robertson Named ET Person of Year

Edwin G. Robertson '74, DVM, recently was presented the ET Person of the Year award from the American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA). Mr. Robertson is president of the Harrogate (Tenn.) Hospital for Animals and a member of the AETA Board of Directors and the Society of Theriogenology.

A member of the International Embryo Transfer Society, he also is editor of the Embryo Transfer Newsletter and serves on the Embryo Transfer Committee of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. In addition to awarding the plaque, Schering Animal Health made a \$1,000 donation to Auburn on Mr. Robertson's behalf.

Works Named '89 'Up and Comer'

Donald C. Works, III, '77 recently was named the 1989 "Up and Comers Award" legal category winner by the South Florida Business Journal and Price Waterhouse. An associate of Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell law firm, he was one of three finalists from a field of 450 nominees.

Mr. Works primarily practices labor law, but also works with real estate and administrative/governmental law. He is associated with the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Florida Bar, the

Broward County Bar, and the American Bar Association.

He is also active in community organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors to Winterfest, of Junior Achievement of Broward and South Palm Beach Counties, and of Kids in Distress and is on the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce's Personnel Committee.

He is the treasurer of the Gold Coast Auburn Club and lives with his wife, Deborah, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Newman Riding Range of Red Angus Breeding

Robert M. Newman '38, better known as Daddy Bob, is part of a rare breed—he is the third of five generations of cowboys in his family. He owns Indian Summer Ranch in Middle Tennessee, overseeing 400 acres of grazing and hay land and more than 200 Red Angus brood cows.

The Newman family have bred Red Angus cattle since 1960 and have been quite active in promoting livestock programs. Bob began his work in the field after receiving his degree from Auburn in genetics and animal breeding. He served as an agricultural extension agent in charge of Alabama's 4-H livestock work for three years, before joining military service in 1941. In 1945 he resumed a breeding program with Jerseys in which he developed a strain of Natural Polled Jerseys.

Bob has served the Red Angus Association as national director and president and helped establish the Red Angus Junior Education program. During the 1940s and 1950s the North Alabama District Cattle Show included a special Bob Newman show class for juniors.

Helping Bob run the ranch are his fellow partners, wife Doris and son Bill. Bill graduated from Auburn in 1974 and is a practicing veterinarian in Fayetteville, Tenn. The other Newman children are daughters Mimi '71 and Pat.

Dunn Elected V.P. of Corp. Affairs

Rebecca M. Dunn '70 recently was elected vice president of corporate affairs for BellSouth Services. Prior to her promotion, she was general manager of business marketing for South Central Bell's Alabama operations.

She joined South Central Bell in 1970 as an assistant engineer in the company's Birmingham headquarters and held positions of increasing responsibility in network and revenue requirements until being appointed assistant vice president of public affairs in 1984. She remained in that position until 1987 when she was named general manager of business marketing.

She is a member of the board of directors of the Alabama School of Fine Arts Foundation and a past member of the advisory board of Children's Hospital Miracle Network Telethon. She is also a past financial chairman of the Birmingham Festival of Arts International Fair.



Rayford L. Lloyd, Jr. '63

Lloyd Honored by Time as One of Top Car Dealers

Rayford L. Lloyd, Jr., '63, president of Lloyd Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC Truck in Panama City, Fla., recently received the 1989 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award. He is one of 67 dealers in the nation chosen for the honor, which is based on "exceptional performance in their dealerships combined with distinguished community service."

Mr. Lloyd is president of both the Panama City and Florida Automobile Dealers Associations, and his dealership has won the Pontiac Achiever Master II Dealer Award for the past seven years. He is a director of Panama City Progress Corp., Crossroads Recovery Center, and Sun Commercial Bank, and a trustee of the Junior Museum. He has served as president of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and the Bay Area Auburn Club, chairman of the Committee of 100 and Military Affairs Committee, director of the Bay Bank, treasurer of the Rotary Club, and vice chairman of the Gulf Coast Community Hospital board of trustees.

Helms Leading API as New Exec. Director

Robert Brake Helms '62 became executive director of the American Pharmaceutical Institute (API) April 1. API is a nonprofit research and education organization which serves as the pharmacy profession's public-policy forum.

Mr. Helms, a Rockville, Md., resident, is a former assistant secretary for planning and evaluation with the Department of Health and Human Services, where he advised on policy formulation and analysis of such areas as health care, welfare, Social Security, and social services. He also served as health-policy transition leader in the Reagan administration.

Mr. Helms is "an outstanding choice

for executive director of the Institute," API Chairman Paul E. Freeman said. "His experience in the field of health policy and his knowledge of the mission of API will enable him and the Institute to execute our research program and educational activities."

Bramblett is Named City Administrator

Barbara Bramblett '73 became the first female city administrator for Hastings, Neb., last fall when she was chosen for the job out of 75 candidates. She had worked for the City of Auburn for 11 years and was city manager of Conyers, Ga., for four years before moving to Hastings.

While Miss Bramblett's experience makes her well qualified for her latest position, as a Southerner she wasn't ready for one thing—Nebraska's weather. "I've never had to cope with the problem of city snow removal before. I've also experienced subzero temperatures for the first time," she said.

Alum Keeps One Foot in the Past

William Robert (Bob) Martin '51 lives in the past—but has made a business of it. His store, Martin Gin, Farm, and Cattle Co., has been a mainstay in Plantersville since the 1890s when his grandfather started the business.

Mr. Martin sells a little bit of everything, including hardware, fencing, food, feed, seed, fertilizer, wash tubs, rub boards, well buckets, and lard pails. If you're on Old Alabama Route 22, stop by and see the collection of shirttails, dated and initialed, hanging on the walls.

"Used to be when men would go deer hunting and if they shot and missed a deer the others would cut off his shirttail and hang it up here," he said. "But we had to stop it. One guy's wife got so mad that she almost left him. She had just given him the shirt for Christmas."

Sports

Baseball Tigers Bounce Back to Win SEC Crown, Fall in NCAAs

A 53-game regular season provided a talented, but young Auburn baseball team with the one ingredient it lacked when the year began—experience. Playing like battle-tested veterans, the sixth-seeded Tigers posted three come-from-behind wins May 11-14 at Gainesville, Fla., en route to their first SEC Tournament title in 11 years. The Tigers then won two games in the NCAA Atlantic Regional May 26-28 in Tallahassee, Fla., before bowing out with losses to host Florida State and Clemson.

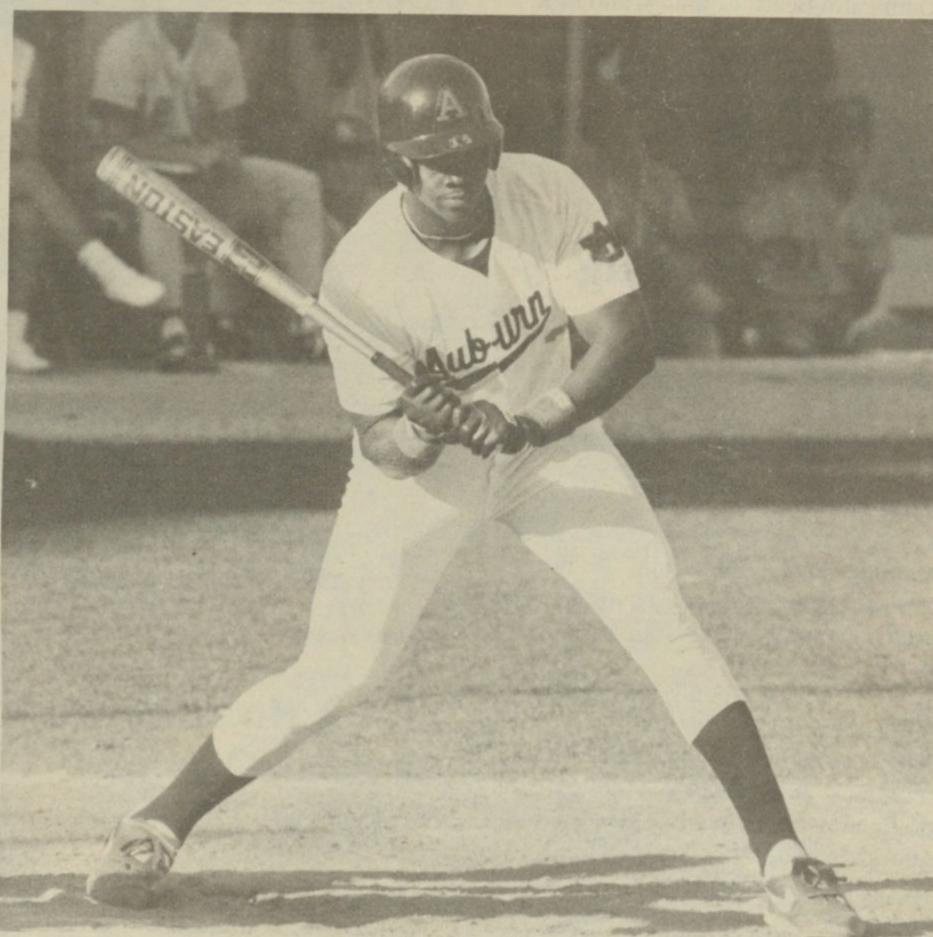
Last season, the NCAA passed on the 39-16 Tigers when it handed out at-large selections, but the conference tournament championship assured them an automatic bid to this year's six-region, 48-team NCAA field. "I heard our players say, 'let's not leave it in the hands of the selection committee,'" coach Hal Baird said. "They went out and won the tournament, which left no doubt that we would make the regionals."

The Tigers showed their all-around strength this season, with a .308 team batting average and a 3.88 earned run average. "We're a lot younger than the 1987 team," Baird said. "We probably don't have as dominant a pitching staff, but maybe more depth. Two years ago, we had Mark Chapman, Gregg Olson, and Stacy Jones. Maybe we don't have anybody as good as them, but we have six or seven who can pitch. Offensively, I'd say we were a little more balanced this year."

Although seven Auburn errors led to four unearned runs in five tournament games, the balanced offense and pitching depth were evident. All nine Tiger regulars had at least two multiple-hit games, and Baird used a different starter in each game. "Probably in a tournament situation when there's a minimum of four games, pitching is most important," Baird said. "There aren't many teams who go through the whole season using seven or eight pitchers equally. It's important to have that flexibility, and we had it."

After ace Tommy Youngblood, 12-3, started the Tigers' first game and relieved in the third, Baird decided to start freshman Mark Fuller for only the third time this season in the decisive championship game against Georgia. The move paid off as Fuller, 4-1, held Georgia, which had scored 39 runs in its previous three games, to three hits and a run in six and one-third innings as the Tigers won 2-1.

"Maybe we had a little better execution by our pitchers than other teams," Baird said. "We hit spots well." The Bulldogs routed host Florida 16-1 before facing Auburn in the title game, but Baird said his club wasn't intimidated. "Georgia was so hot," he said. "They were



TRIPLE CROWN—Auburn junior first baseman Frank Thomas is among the SEC leaders this season in three categories—home runs, RBIs, and batting average. Thomas, who is expected to be a first round choice in the upcoming professional baseball draft, has a chance to win the coveted triple crown for leading the conference in all three categories as the SEC champion Tigers enter NCAA regional play.

—Photo by AU Photo Services

really playing well, but the only thing their win told us was that they were still hot. Nobody was too upset."

Despite a 5-3 upset of first-seeded Mississippi State in the opener, the Tigers had to climb up through the losers' bracket after Georgia erased a 7-1 deficit to beat Auburn 9-8 in the second round. "It was disappointing," Baird said. "We were in the position to win, but couldn't hold the lead. Our guys really didn't let it bother them." Trailing 5-4 in the seventh inning against LSU the next day, the Tigers rallied for an 8-5 victory behind freshman Chris Hart's solo homer and a three-run shot by Clark Preble. Youngblood, the winner in the opener, earned his second tournament victory in relief of freshman starter Tommy Carter and Fuller.

The Tigers weren't finished, however, and returned to the diamond against host Florida four-and-a-half hours later. Youngblood's two-out, ninth-inning, pinch-hit double tied the score at 1-1. Freshman Jeff Powell homered to lead off the tenth, and Tim Edge and Andy Albrecht had run-scoring hits as the Tigers notched a 4-2 win and headed for the final game. Mike Ferry, the loser against Georgia, evened his record at 2-2 with the win.

Auburn had sunk to a 7-11 record and eighth place in SEC play after losing two of three to Alabama in late April, but finished strong, sweeping three games from Tennessee and two of three from LSU to make the tournament as the final seed. A game of musical positions

to fine tune the lineup turned the season around, according to Baird.

Albrecht became a starter in right field, Edge moved from catcher to starting third baseman, and Jeff Leatherman switched from third to second. "We began to play well defensively," the coach said. "That was the key. Edge has played third base in a way nobody has played it since I've been here (five years). Albrecht made two or three game-saving catches against Mississippi State, and Leatherman made one against Florida."

Although the Tigers' season is over, the team's late surge has Baird enthusiastic about what next season can bring. Auburn loses only seniors Derek Crownover, the shortstop, Preble, the left fielder, and Joe Siwa, the catcher. Junior first baseman Frank Thomas, who led the Tigers with a .380 batting average, 16 homers and 70 RBI, has made himself eligible for the June draft. "That's really the beauty of this year," Baird said. "You couldn't find a way to buy this much experience. We're a young team, and we're excited about the future."

Little Train Ends Long Journey to College Diploma

By Geoff LoCicero '89

Lionel James knows just the place for his college diploma. "I'm going to throw it in my trophy case, put lights around

it, and say, 'Man, it took forever, but I got it,'" he says. The former Auburn running back and current San Diego Charger laughs at the thought, but to him, education is no joking matter.

"Professional football only lasts an average of three years and education lasts a lifetime," says James, who will begin his sixth season in the NFL in September. "The most important thing is to get an education to carry you through life. These days you can't find a good job without it. In the NFL, one day you're a good player, the next day you're history."

An awareness of education's necessity is growing in the professional ranks, according to James, a math education major who marched down Auburn's graduation aisle spring quarter. "I see more (pro players) coming back to Auburn," he says. "I've been fortunate to get the opportunity to play five years. Some have played three, four, five years and are beginning to realize that it won't last forever. It's like that TV show, 'Where Are They Now?' Some do well, some aren't doing well, some are on skid row, some are on death row. The only way to ensure you have something to do is to get an education."

Although James doesn't mention it, the threat of a career-ending injury often motivates pro players to return to school to pursue a degree as a means of insurance. Ironically, a series of serious but impermanent injuries have slowed James' quest to graduate. "I lacked three quarters when I was drafted (1984)," he says. "When you've been injured, you can't leave unless you're cleared by the team doctor. I've had arthroscopic knee surgery for cartilage (1985), a broken right foot (1986), bone deposits removed from my shoulder, scar tissue from my hips, and a host of other nagging bumps and bruises. For those first three years, I got just one quarter in, but I never quit at anything I do."

James finished his course work last spring and graduated this spring after fulfilling a student teaching requirement at Opelika Junior High, where he diligently graded homework papers and prepared overhead transparencies for lectures. "I've always enjoyed math," James says. "I had some great teachers in junior high and high school. I enjoy kids. This gives me a chance to do something I enjoy. Some kids are good, and some are bad. You appreciate the good and try to help the bad. The first couple of weeks, we talked more about football than anything. I just recently started teaching classes. Grading papers is rough."

His personality and his rapport with the students have helped make James a hit, according to his supervisor, Stuart McArthur, who has taught at the school for 18 years. "He's a lot better than some I've had," McArthur says. "He's really enthusiastic. He cares for the kids, and that's the main thing for a teacher. He's been able to talk to them one-on-one, as well as formally instructing them. His

individual participation makes a difference."

Similarly, a more caring, understanding approach by the NCAA would help solve some student-athlete difficulties, especially time restraints that delay graduation, according to James. "Some curriculums are five years now, and probably most average students don't graduate in four years," he says. "If the average student can't, it's especially tough for athletes. It's like being a full-time student and having a full-time job."

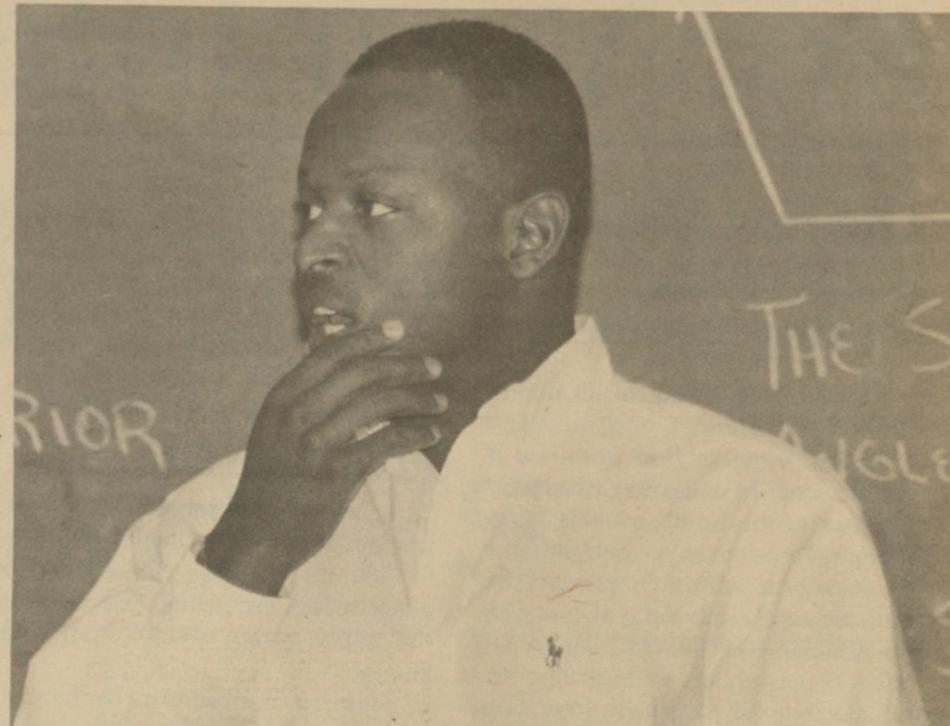
Since athletes usually have inflexible schedules and light course loads, graduating in five years, the maximum time a player can be on scholarship, is unrealistic, James argues. "I think the NCAA should allow more time," he says. When ex-college players, pro or non-pro, choose to return to school, he says the NCAA should foot the bill. "With all the money the NCAA makes, I can't see why it couldn't give that extra time and pay for those extra courses athletes couldn't take while they were playing."

Giving athletes a small weekly or monthly stipend might help eliminate some of the illegal payments that have plagued college sports in recent years,

James says. "I'm not saying pay someone thousands of dollars or stuff someone's bank account," he cautions. "I mean \$50 a week or \$200 a month. I don't know if it's the solution, but it would probably help end the cheating."

James agrees with the NCAA's move to strengthen academic admission requirements through Proposition 48 in 1986 and Proposition 42, which will take effect next year, and dismisses the argument that they're discriminatory. "You can't satisfy everyone with one particular test," he says. "You could have 10,000 different tests and still have people griping and groaning. A happy medium is hard to reach."

James, however, provides the Chargers with a happy medium, of sorts. Professional football has progressed from a 60-minute, play-both-ways game to the modern version of specialization and situation substitutions. James won't play on both sides of the line of scrimmage, but his varied offensive and special teams skills make him an invaluable commodity. "The game today is so specialized, and I think that's helped me. The more you can do, the better chance you have to make the



THE LITTLE TRAIN THAT COULD—Former Tiger running back Lionel James, who has played for the NFL's San Diego Chargers since 1985, graduated spring quarter with a degree in math education. He says finishing college has been a priority for him since pro football careers are often short-lived.

—Photo by Geoff LoCicero

Many NFL Tigers Complete AU Degrees

Of the 28 Auburn players currently on NFL rosters, six have their degrees, and 16 others should ultimately earn theirs, according to Pat Waters, Athletic Department academic counselor. Three others who have played professionally are graduates, while a fourth is back in school. "Those figures absolutely don't surprise me at all," Mr. Waters said. "I think that between 70 and 75 percent of our professional athletes, in football, will graduate. It just might take a little longer. I'm very pleased with that."

Pro prospects usually forgo winter and spring quarters after their senior season to concentrate on the upcoming draft. "They're going to do the work necessary to give them a chance to be rich and famous," Mr. Waters said. "That means diminished course loads or dropping out of school." Most graduate after the equivalent of five years' worth of quarters, but professional careers often drag college completion out over several years. "A player ought not even consider coming back for the first two years after he's drafted," Mr. Waters continued. "He's fighting for his professional life. Most guys won't come back. Most spend the off-season trying to solidify their positions on the team."

Sometimes that's carried to extremes, as with Keith Uecker, an offensive lineman with Green Bay, who played at Auburn from 1978 to 1981. He returned to school after a six-year absence and will graduate this spring. When Uecker and the others return, they are no longer on scholarship and aren't officially associated with the athletic department. "We have no authority over them," Mr. Waters noted. "We can't

provide them with any of the extra benefits, like tutoring. But we do have an informal relationship. Just as I have advised many non-athletes, when professional athletes come back in and want to discuss their situations, I talk with them."

Auburn's average absolute graduation rate, based on a percentage of graduates who received and maintained athletic scholarships, is just above 50 percent, while the relative graduation rate of all athletes is between 70 and 80 percent, Mr. Waters said. "The absolute rate has something to do with academics, it has something to do with social adaptability, and it has a great deal to do with athletic ability" since only the best players will remain on scholarship, he said. When Pat Dye became head coach in 1981, the caliber of recruits increased and, therefore, the absolute rate, Mr. Waters added.

"Given the difficulty—the fact that Auburn is a very demanding institution and that we recruit sectionally from the Southeast—I'm extremely pleased with our graduation rate," Mr. Waters said. "The Southeast is one of the academically weaker areas, as test scores indicate. We have not been able to have as broad a base to support us as other schools which recruit nationwide."

The NCAA's 1985 satisfactory progress rule, which required athletes to take classes in their majors towards their degrees, and Proposition 48 in 1986, which instituted minimum test scores for incoming freshmen of 700 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT, and a 2.0 grade point average in high school core curriculum classes, presumably make for better students and graduation rates, Mr. Waters said.

football team. A lot of people can only do one thing. If you're not Bo Jackson or Herschel Walker or Eric Dickerson, who are obviously the best at what they do, you're in trouble."

His best all-around season was 1985, when he set NFL records for all-purpose yards (2,535) and most yards receiving by a running back (1,027). He has also fallen victim to the specialization trend, however. Last season, San Diego used him primarily on passing downs, and he tied for second on the team with 36 receptions for 279 yards and a touchdown. His 9.9-yard average on punt returns placed him fourth in the AFC. He rushed for only 105 yards on 23 attempts and, unlike his first four seasons, didn't return any kickoffs. "Things are going pretty well," James says. "I don't mind. It'll increase my playing years by three or four because I don't take the punishment."

Despite his list of injuries, he has been sidelined only once, in 1986 when he missed the second half of the season because of his broken foot. This durability, he says, has aided his pro career. He regularly lifts weights to maintain his playing form year-round. He insists that his small stature, 5'6½", 170 pounds, has never held him back. "I've never thought of it as a handicap," he says. "I always tell people that in any kind of war, you take out a stick of dynamite or a hand grenade—a small, compact explosive."

Gary Anderson, a 6'1½", 184-pound running back, has assumed James' role of the do-it-all player, however. He led the Chargers in all-purpose yards in 1986 and 1987 and placed second last season. "We try to put Gary and myself in different situations to cause problems for the defense. It's worked extremely well for us." San Diego, however, has finished above .500 only one time during James' tenure, an 8-7 record and third-place AFC West standing in 1987.

"It's been disappointing," James admits. "I love Auburn and the winning tradition we had. It's disappointing to go out and not do as well as we're capable of. Right now, we need maturity.

Two other important things are to be lucky and stay healthy. Usually, the team that wins the Super Bowl is the luckiest and healthiest."

The Chargers' famed "Air Coryell" passing attack that struck fear in the hearts of opposing secondaries in the 1980s has been scrapped in favor of the ground game, James says. Head coach Dan Coryell resigned midway through the 1986 season, and his replacement, Al Saunders, has led the team to a 17-20 mark in two-and-a-half years. "Basically they had the same philosophy," James says. "We kept the same offense for the first year-and-a-half. Now we have more of a running attack. That sometimes puts us in the long yardage, passing situations. I enjoy both."

James lives in Putney, Ga., in the off-season and hopes to begin a coaching career, probably at the high school level, after his playing days are over. The hectic professional schedule and its travel itinerary don't leave him much time to enjoy San Diego, but he's found time for at least one diversion. "I've taken up golf," he says. "I'm addicted to it. I do have a problem getting it over the fairway woods. Anyone who can teach me lessons, I'll take them." He won't, after all, pass up a chance to learn.

Lady Tigers Golf Team Wins its First SEC Title

Led by junior Diane Rama's three-under-par 75, the Lady Tiger golf team won its first-ever conference championship at the SEC Women's Golf Tournament at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., May 7.

Rama's total was good for individual tournament honors, while Auburn's three-round total of 902 bested second-place Florida by eight strokes. The Lady Tigers had built a commanding 11-stroke lead going into the final round's play. Other top finishers and their totals included Kentucky (926), Georgia (935), and Alabama (937).

For Your Information

AUHAAO Planning Fall Meeting, Seeking Members

The Auburn University Health Administration Alumni Organization (AUHAAO) wants to hear from you if you are one of the more than 350 graduates of the health administration program. In addition to publishing a newsletter, the AUHAAO sponsors an academic scholarship and is planning its annual meeting for Saturday, October 11, the day of the Auburn-LSU football game. The meeting will be in the form of a tailgate party prior to the game.

Jolene Beckler and Scott Hill have been the first two students to benefit from the AUHAAO scholarship, awarded to a deserving junior or senior health administration student on the basis of academic performance and professional promise. A plaque has been hung in the departmental offices to recognize the scholarship recipients.

Plans are also underway to publish the AUHAAO newsletter on a quarterly, rather than annual, basis. The publication contains announcements of upcoming events, current activities, and future plans of the organization and department as well as updates on health administration alumni, faculty, and students.

For more information about any of these AUHAAO activities, write to: AUHAAO, Department of Political Science, 7080 Haley Center, Auburn University, AL 36849.

AU Octet Alums Plan Reunion

Members of the Auburn Men's Octet, which performed on campus from 1952 to 1960, are planning to hold a reunion either in summer or fall, according to the response they receive from octet alumni.

For more information on the reunion plans, former members of the group should contact either Mr. Wick Watkins, Auburn Octet Reunion, P.O. Box 42, Auburn, AL 36830, phone (205) 821-7260; or Debbie Duncan, Auburn Alumni Association, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849, phone (205) 844-ALUM.

Library Carrels, Study Rooms Available for Donor Naming

You need not be a millionaire to have your family's name honored for the ages at Auburn. Three hundred individual

study carrels and 25 group study rooms will be available for naming when the addition to Ralph Brown Draughon Library is complete in 1990.

Carrels are available for naming for a \$1,000 gift to the library, while a \$5,000 gift will allow the donor to name a study room.

Gifts may be made immediately or over a five-year period. Once the pledge is complete, a plaque will be placed on the carrel or room doors commemorating the gift. The program, which could raise \$425,000 for the library, is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and previous donors to the library should have already received a brochure outlining the giving procedure. Checks should be made payable to the Auburn University Foundation. Those interested may call the Alumni Office at (205) 844-1166 for more details.

Travel & Study Trip To France Offered

Professor D. Hampton Morris, through Auburn's Continuing Education Department, will conduct a study and travel program this September to Paris, Versailles, and the French "chateaux country." To prepare for the eight-day trip, Prof. Morris is offering an eight-hour course for those interested in making the journey.

For more information write: University Continuing Education, Study/Travel Program, 100 Mell Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5608. Or call (205) 844-5102.

Alumnalities

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David Edward Roberts is in Naval flight training at Corpus Christi, Tex., where he lives with his wife, Wendy.

David Patrick Dunaway of Norcross, Ga., is an estimator and project manager for Ed Taylor Construction Co. in Atlanta.

Darryl Wendell Burnette of Harvest is an engineer for Rockwell International in Huntsville.

Bertram Keith Medlock of Titusville, Fla., will begin Air Force pilot training in November.

Andrew Scott Keys is a GTA at Auburn.

Mark Eugene McNally is an environmental engineering GRA at Auburn.

William R. McMahon is a field engineer with the Robins Corp. in Birmingham, where he and his wife, Jennifer, live.

2/Lt. Ove John William Jensen serves in the Army field artillery in Germany.

Jeffrey Wayne Hodges is a staff accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Atlanta.

Marci Lynne Wolf is a junior executive at Macy's South in Atlanta.

Donald Keith Owens is shift supervisor for Shaw Industries in Valley Head.

James Andrew Thompson is a systems engineer with Intergraph Corp. in Huntsville.

Christopher Ervin Gilley is a technical support engineer with General Electric Co. in Rome, Ga.

Jeffrey Lynn Smith is a Navy nuclear surface line officer in Orlando, Fla. He and his wife, Kathryn, live in Winter Park, Fla.

Tracy Elaine Tapp is an office worker for an optometrist in Fredericksburg, Va.

Thomas Carrington Sloss is a staff accountant for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Atlanta.

Karen Lynn Paschal is a staff auditor with Georgia Federal in Atlanta.

Steven Glen Hall works as an industrial engineer at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Edward Lee Willis is a farm management GTA at Auburn.

Vicki P. Adkison works at Auburn as a lab technician.

Peter Craig Sumerford works in operations for Coldway Carriers, Inc., in Ocala, Fla., where he and his wife, Andrea Renee, live.

Charles Andrew Dixon, Jr., is a sales representative for Tri State Representatives in Atlanta.

Joe R. Shepherd of Fayetteville, Ga., is an Atlantic Southeast Airlines pilot.

Ens. Michelle Ann Leblanc is a Navy legal officer in Jacksonville, Fla.

Craig M. Hazel is a CPA with Habif, Arogeti & Wynne in Atlanta.

Nerissa E. Legg is a K-Mart pharmacist in Athens.

L. Kendall Lee is an accountant with Ernst & Whinney in Atlanta.

Susan Hardin Gamble is a junior engineer with Alabama Power in Birmingham. Her husband, **F. Page Gamble** '87, attends Cumberland School of Law.

Katherine R. Qualls is a marketing representative for Cellular Dynamics in Birmingham.

2/Lt. James Richard Judkins serves in the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va. He and his wife, **Heather Ann Payne**, a free lance writer, live in Fredericksburg, Va.

Jody E. Talley, Ph.D., a gifted students teacher in Carroll County, Ga., recently won one of eight Phi Delta Kappa 1989 Outstanding Dissertation Awards.

MARRIED: Deborah Lynn Howard to **Gary Alan Hall** on April 8. They live in Huntsville.

Vicki Lynn Rice to Wayne Robert Moore, Jr., on Jan. 14. They live in Jasper.

Mary Anne Gardner '87 to **Joseph M. Rudolph** on March 11. She is a medical technologist, and he is a project engineer with Manville Corp. in Winder, Ga.

Katherine Conway Carlson to **Christopher Stirling Roush** '87 on Dec. 10, 1988. She is a fundraising executive with Abilities of Florida in Clearwater, Fla. He is a news reporter for the St. Petersburg Times.

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William J. Alverson, III, is a staff auditor for Ernst & Whinney. He and his wife, Leanne, live in Birmingham.

Emily Danine Taylor of Loachapoka teaches at Smiths Station High.

Ricky J. Tillman is a loan officer for First South Production Credit Association in Atmore.

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Homecoming
October 28, 1989

Golden Eagles Reunion
October 26-28, 1989

Club Leadership Conference
August 18-19, 1989

Fan Appreciation Day
August 20, 1989

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Contact Debbie Duncan (205) 844-ALUM if you have any questions.